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Saving A Tradition

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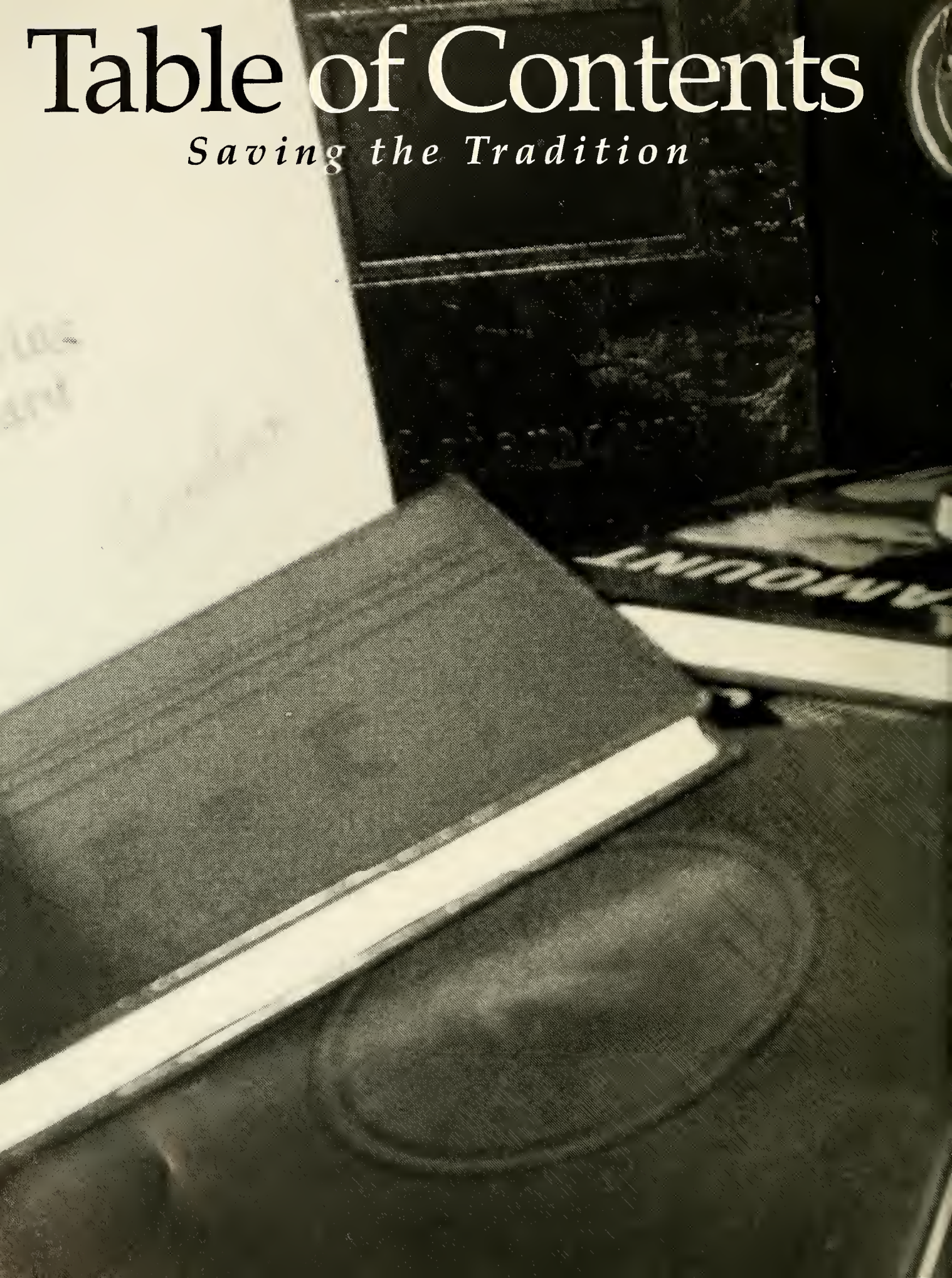
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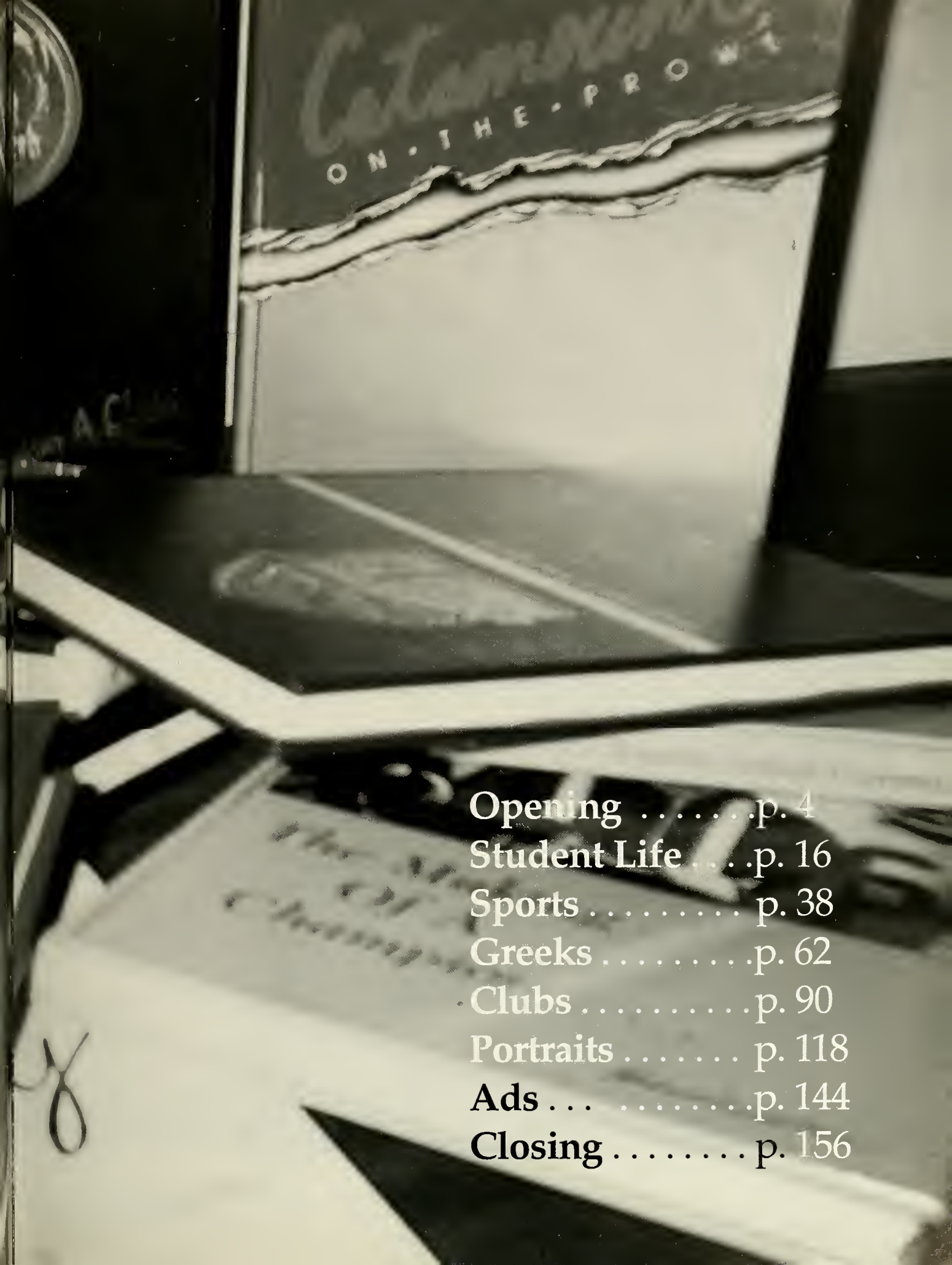
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Continuing a Tradition

Striving to Save Memories

This was the 67th volume of Western Carolina University Catamount Yearbook. The memories of classes, friends, parties, breakups, makeups, and trips were captured here for all to enjoy.

This year was a year of firsts for WCU. Students witnessed the opening of the new Dodson Food Court including a grill and Freshen's Yogurt, but minus Taco Bell. WCU became the first campus of the University of North Carolina's senior institutions to require all entering freshmen to have their own computer. Students also had the privilege of "a port by every pillow" in every dorm room.

Last Minute Productions kept cranking out the activities with big name acts like Anthenaem as well as local bands.

Many changes occurred at Z91, the campus radio station. An FCC construction permit allowed for a power upgrade from 350 to 760 watts, which led to a dramatic increase in the listening audience. The radio station also began its first year of 24 hours 7 days a week broadcasting.

The 1998-1999 school year was one filled with unbelievable traditions and firsts. Whether a freshman or a senior, it was a year to remember.



Above: Cheers! Everyone likes to share a drink especially with their brothers. These brothers get together before a home football game for tailgating.

Left: Some students enjoy cycling in their leisure time. The mountains can be difficult terrain to navigate with a bicycle.





Above Left: Students always prepare for the worst because rain is no stranger to Cullowhee.

Above Right: Tailgating is one of the most popular events during Homecoming week.

Below: The UC is a popular place to meet friends and hangout. Earnest Moss sits patiently waiting on his buddies in the lobby.





Above: These students live it up at a tailgating party before a home football game. Tailgating is a popular pre-game activity before the home football games.



Above: GO CATS! WCU is not lacking in school spirit! The Western Catamount is around at every home football game to encourage spirit from the crowd.



Above: A call home to mom and dad is a regular Sunday afternoon activity for most students to catch up on family gossip.



Above: After a hard workout a tall glass of water is a must. WCU has a Fitness Center that many students use to stay in shape during the year.



Above: Most students don't have to leave their hall to find a party and a good group of friends.



Above: Watching football games on the weekend is a popular activity for students. These two students got together to enjoy the game one Saturday night.



Above: Many students spend their weekends in the pool hall; a popular past time among all kinds of people.



Above: WCU's marching band provides great music and entertainment during the halftime of home football games.



Above: HEY! Classes are over, and it is time to relax for the weekend. Weekends are a time to recover from the week and get together with friends.



Above: Many students take advantage of the exercise facilities in Reid Gym because a good workout is a great way to stay in shape.



Above: Lots of students go home or travel on the weekends. These girls are ready for anything.



Left: The long walk to classes provides students with time to think about upcoming classes.

Above: "Don't we look great?" Homecoming inspires students to go all out for the occasion.



Above left: Dressing up is not just a girl's past time. These guys are ready for the cover of GQ.

Above right: Weekends don't always mean parties and fun. Sometimes students must spend their time hitting the books.

Bottom left: Every now and then, students need to take a break from class to chill out in the sun.





Above: Homework is rarely fun, but it can be made comfortable with a soft couch and a favorite pillow to lounge on.



Above: Old photographs can make for an afternoon full of memories, especially when sharing them with a friend.



Left: A cool drink goes well with a hot sunny day during tailgating.

Above: The Alumni Tower reminds many students of the lifelong ties to their Alma Mater.



Above: Time to celebrate! These students break it down in a conga line with the WCU mascot.

Left: The attempt to cross the street is always a risk on campus. Most students are cautious about stepping off the curb.



TOP TEN

Reasons You Chose WCU

10. Our wonderful new food service provides on campus pizza delivery.
9. You can afford to go here!
8. Most of your professors will know you by name.
7. One look at this campus and you couldn't refuse.
6. We are only three miles from the Wal-Mart Supercenter.
5. Brew Through!
4. You love telling people where Cullowhee is.
3. You needed to find out what a Catamount was.
2. The dorms are so clean and comfy.
1. You look great in purple and gold.



Top Left: Homework is usually made easier with a computer, although they can be a little confusing at times.

Above: The WCU Marching Band plays at every game to represent the pride and spirit of the Catamounts.

Bottom Left: "That's a good one!" Traffic becomes dangerous as friends pass jokes across the lanes.



Top Left: A strong bond of sisterhood, these Zeta Phi Beta girls keep strong ties with each other.

Bottom Left: "Bare Foot in the Park," one of WCU's fall productions, drew praise from students as well as members of the surrounding community.

Top Right: Every student needs to take the time to relax. Strumming a guitar can be as therapeutic as it is enjoyable.

Bottom Right: Watch Out! Here comes the PIKES with their unmistakable fire truck.





Top left: After giving it his all, it was time to rest for a little while.

Top right: The Cats ended their season with a winning record this year.

Middle: These guys find time to chat and take a break between classes.

Above: Making time to socialize with friends is always important.

Bottom: Free Food! These words will always bring students together.



Top left: "Come on ref, what kind of call was that?" Students always show their support for our Cats.

Top right: Practice makes perfect! Anna Dux concentrates on a hard toss.

Bottom: The WCUMarching Cats' drum line always provides an amazing show during halftime.





Student Life



Intramurals

Fall

The students at Western were more involved in fall intramurals than ever this year. Friendships, as well as leadership roles, developed as a result of teamwork. There were individual and team events in softball, bowling, basketball, tennis, swimming and many other events. The competitors were encouraged by all who attended the events. Many students would not get to play football or basketball unless the fall intramurals were available. As a reward in each event, a campus fall intramural champion tee-shirt was given to the winners by the intramural department.



Above right: All Campus Runner-Up Blue League Champions Flag Football 1998: "Krimson Dynamo"

Above: All Campus Indoor Soccer Champions: "Kayla Reepers"

Right: All Campus Champions Racquetball Doubles: Nicole Gravely and Heather Hildreth, Alpha Xi Delta





Left: All Campus Champions Sorority Tennis Doubles: Kim Cherry and Wendy Shumaker, Phi Mu.

Bottom left: All Campus Champions 1998 Coed 2-on-2 Basketball: "Hooters"

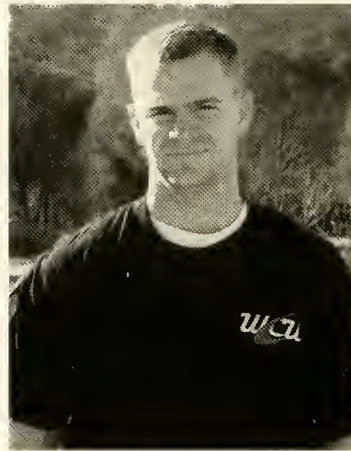
Below: All Campus Champions Swim Meet 1998 50 yard InnerTube 41-5: Travis Stephens and Johnathan Esser, KA



Spring Intramurals



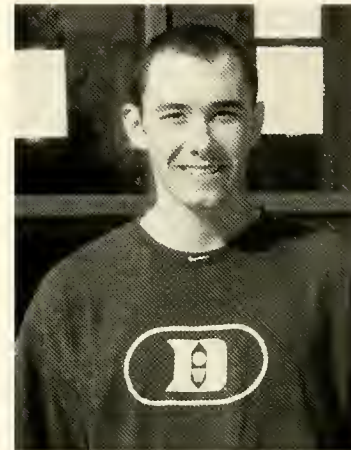
Basketball: Violent Femmes



Independent 3-pt. Shootout:
(left) Erik Willis; (right) Sarah Parris



3-on-3 Basketball: Phat Kats



1-on-1 Basketball:
Left: (6'0 and over) Jason Clark;
Right: (6'0 and under) Jason Fox



Purple Basketball (All Campus): Bad Girls



Independent Basketball Freethrows:
(left) Jennifer Hollifield;
(right) Ryan Dills and Todd Drum

All Campus Champions



**Independent Table
Tennis Singles:**
Jenna Calomeris



Coed Horseshoe:
Jeannie Ledford &
Travis Billings



Coed Softball: Going Deep



All-Year Sorority Champion (1998-1999): Phi Mu



Purple Soccer (All-Campus): Purple Haze



**All-Year Independent Champion (1998-1999):
Bad Girls**



**University Basketball Runner-up
(All Campus Champion):
The Chronic**



C h a n c e l l o r

Exceeding the Standards

During the 1997-1998 school year, Dr. John W. Bardo continued his commitment to prepare WCU students for the challenges of the 21st century. Through the implementation of a computer requirement for incoming freshmen, Chancellor Bardo set the standard for universities across North Carolina.

In his fourth year as Chancellor, Dr. Bardo has continued to "raise the bar" of Western's academic standards. Leading to this accomplishment was the creation of a broad-based assessment program of our Seniors, and the establishment of a Residential Honor College for top academics. By increasing our faculty's expectations of students admitted to Western, we are leading the way into the future. Through his commitment to quality and excellence in education, Dr. John Bardo has set an example for others to follow at Western Carolina University.



Top: Back the Cats. Chancellor Bardo and an onlooker watch the game from the Chancellor's Box.

Right: Chancellor Bardo takes advantage of living in "the most wired small town."

NATURE

Surroundings

Peaceful Refuge

The WCU campus, as well as the surrounding Cullowhee and Sylva area, allow for a variety of things to do. Some of the outdoor activities are rock climbing at Catamount Gap, tubing on the Tuckasegee River, sight-seeing in historic Dillsboro, and hiking on the multitude of trails in the area. These activities can be done year-round, and are enjoyed by many Western students.

Western's campus is one of the most attractive in North Carolina. It is located in a valley with waterfalls, rivers and ever changing leaves throughout the year. WCU's scenic atmosphere is what attracts many students to the campus.



Above: Lazy afternoon. This couple sits down after a busy day at Mountain Heritage Day.

Top left: Frozen in time. These statues seem to be guarding the administration building.

Left: Falling beauty. This is an area that many people visit to hike, take pictures, or just enjoy its tranquility.

STUDYING

Everybody's

Reading. Writing. Arithmetic.

Professors recommend that students study three hours for every hour they are in class, but as all students know, this never happens. Although students do not study as much as they should, it is a big part of everyone's daily life. Students spend most of their time in the library with study groups or tutors. The Writing Center is also a beneficial way to make sure that assigned papers are written correctly for the best grade. A few students wait until the last minute to start cramming for a test. Sometimes we are not sure what the pay off is, but when the degree is handed to us, it will all be worthwhile.



Top Right: It is important to find a comfortable position when you are studying.

Above: Web Masta. This guy is using the internet to do a class assignment. More and more people are using the internet for classwork.

Right: Funtime. This WCU student enjoys playing on his computer without worrying about homework.





Left: Even the visitors need food during the football games. Working the concession stand is another way to make money on campus.

Bottom Left: This employee makes sure everything is running properly at Dodson. It's a hard job, but somebody has to do it.

Below: A head start on the future. This WCU student works in an administration office which will teach her how to work efficiently in an office.



JOBS

Student

Working for a Living.

Everyone complains about being on a college student's budget. Well, do something about it! Get a job. Most students on this campus have at least one job. A variety of jobs are available depending on what you're looking for. Popular on-campus jobs are, working at one of the food courts or assisting a professor. Although it is harder to work at an off-campus job while attending class, some people prefer to work at higher paying jobs such as Wal-Mart, O'Malley's, or local retailers. A job during college years helps students to gain responsibility and independence.

Mountain Heritage Day

Mountain Heritage Day was an annual festival held on the last Saturday of September on the campus of Western Carolina University. Each year over 35,000 visitors traveled to Cullowhee for one of the largest arts and craft shows in this part of the country. Besides the arts and crafts, Mountain Heritage Day offered storytelling, food and award-winning entertainment.

The Mountain Heritage Center specifically coordinated programs that recognized the authentic traditions and customs of the mountains. Some activities that represented the tradition this past year were clogging, sounds of bluegrass music, and the display of old mountain artifacts. Overall, the day was full of sunshine and fun which once again made the Mountain Heritage Day a huge success.



Above Right: Do you recycle? This exhibitor has found a use for old glass; a beautiful windchime creation.

Above: Anyone hungry? This group of students prepared barbecue to be sold to visitors at the festival. This was used as a fundraiser for the group.



Above: Hand-crafted quality. These ladies check-out this hand-made collection of plates, pitchers, and cups.

Graduation

One cold Saturday morning, on the campus of Western Carolina University, the moment that every college student dreams of happened for hundreds of seniors at WCU. It may have taken four or more years for these seniors to get to this point, but it is one of the most important points in many of these young lives. The graduates were stepping into a new world, full of obstacles as well as opportunity that could take them anywhere they wanted. Every one of these graduates had a chance to make a name for themselves. These graduates worked hard to get to this point. The memories of college, good and bad, will last them a lifetime as well as being a Western alumni.



Top Left: Family and friends survey the crowd to find their graduate. Many people attend graduation to see a friend or family member happily accept their diploma.

Left: The December 1998 class nervously awaits for their name to be called during the ceremony.

Above: These two graduates look very excited and relieved that they have finally graduated.

Homecoming

Homecoming was a week full of events on the campus of Western Carolina University that included a float building contest, "Spirit Night," the bonfire, "Midnight Madness," the parade, and the Homecoming football game.

The football game of Western Carolina versus Chattanooga had a tremendous turnout and spirits remained high as the game begun. The students had a chance to spend time with alumni that were visiting for the weekend. At the halftime of the Homecoming football game Jennie Gentry was crowned Queen and Devin Anderson was crowned King.

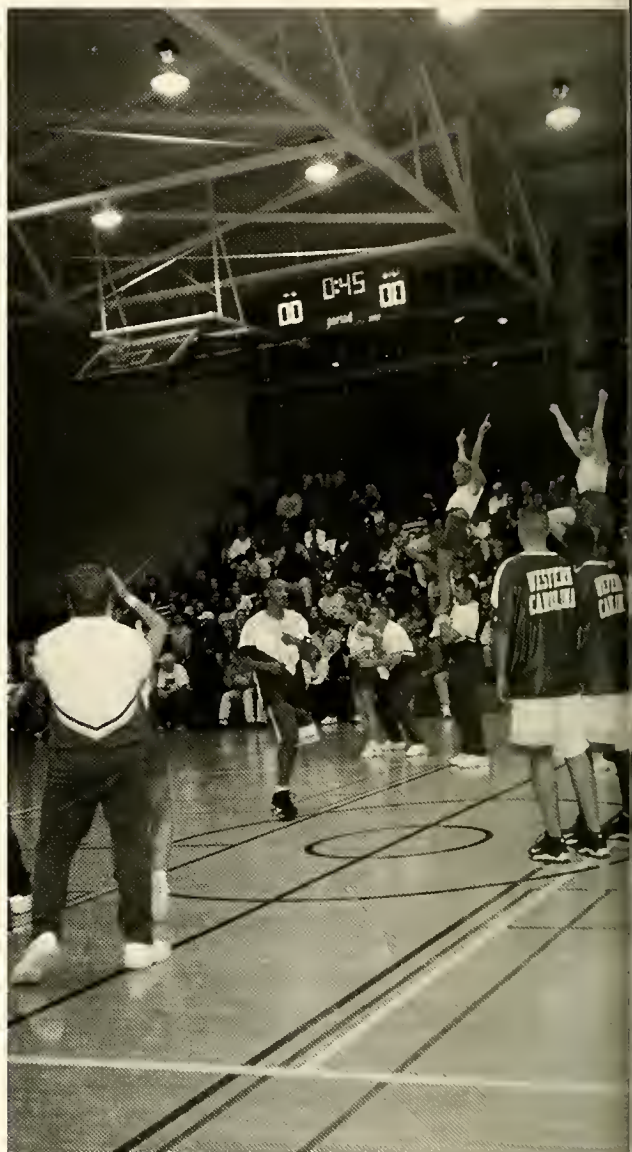
Faculty, students, and alumni alike, felt that this Homecoming had surpassed all pervious ones. Homecoming was a great success and a tradition that all look forward to each year.



Top Right: Every year, during Homecoming, "Midnight Madness" is held to kick off the basketball season for the Cats.

Above: Tailgating before the Homecoming game is a major tradition in which alumni can come back to Western to see the game and see how things have changed.

Right: Part of the Homecoming Court stands in front of the 1999 Homecoming Court float for a quick picture before the parade begins.





Top: Front: (l to r) Julie Haire, SAGLA; Katrina Britt, Scott Hall; Jennie Gentry, AEA and PKΦ (Queen); Kim Dills, ΦM; Crystal Douthit, DZ. Back (l to R) Jeffery Nevins, ΛXA; Myron Wise, ΣΦE; Michael Bledsoe, ΣX; Devin Anderson, OES (King); Armand DeNuzzio, WWCU.

Left: These two Alpha Gamm's are working

diligently on their banner for the Homecoming Parade held annually in downtown Sylva.

Above: The Sigma Chi's, Kappa Alpha's and Delta Zeta's worked together on their floats for the Homecoming Parade. All involved in the parade were thrilled to get a chance to show off their organizations to the town and school.

Chancellor's Speaker Series

On December 1st 1998, Western Carolina University introduced a new tradition called the Chancellor's Speaker Series. The day began with a gathering of about 200 students in the Grand Room of the University Center. This event was open only to ticket-holding students, giving them a chance to have a "Question and Answer" session with Mr. Bob Dole.

The evening session began with music by the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet and the Cullowhee Valley Singers. A brief introduction by Chancellor Bardo outlined the goals of the Speaker Series, and then he recognized the keynote speaker, Senator Robert Dole.

Senator Dole spoke about many subjects including his wartime experiences, his time in Congress, and his presidential campaign. Other topics included the importance of leadership and integrity, the future of the United States, and Eisenhower's important role during World War II.

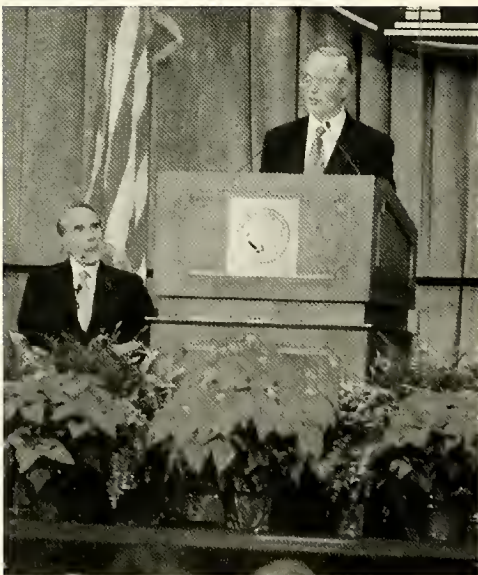
Over 2,100 students, faculty, and community members filled the Ramsey Center to hear the Senator's speech, and his appearance at the school led to intense discussion within the campus community.



Above: Dole jokes about his failed campaign while Bardo looks on.

Left: Bardo explains the mission of the Chancellor's Speaker Series.

Right: A hearty handshake from Bardo welcomes Dole to the podium.



Senator Bob Dole



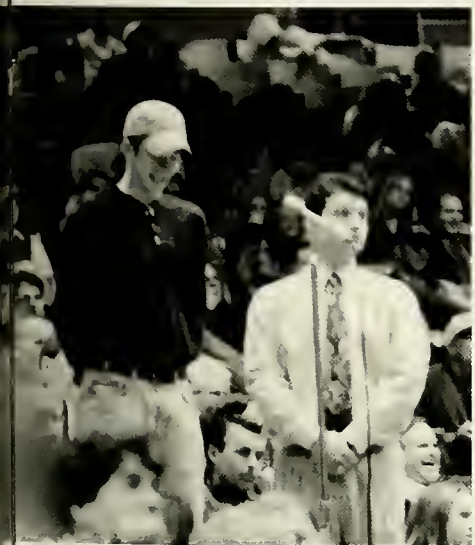
Above: The Cullowhee Vally singers perform a selection under the direction of director Diana Fisher.



"It was an honor to have (Bob Dole) at WCU!"
--Anna Maria Gredts

"I have a lot of respect for Bob Dole and thought he was an interesting and entertaining speaker."
--Sabrina Hollifield

"He seemed like a down-to-earth person, not all politics. He seemed to really care."
--Alisha Coleman



Top Left: Dole made many interesting points during his speech.

Middle Left: The WCU Concert Choir waits to sing the National Anthem.

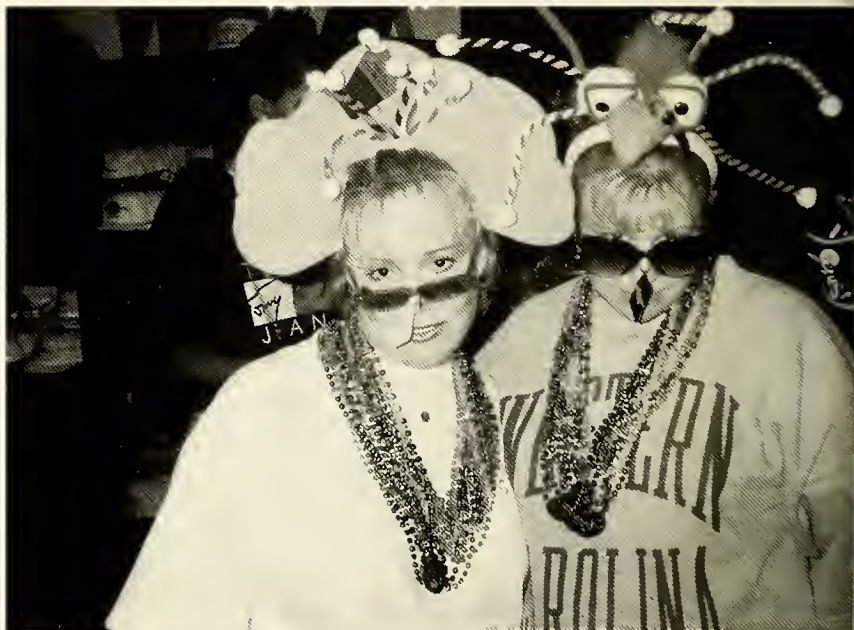
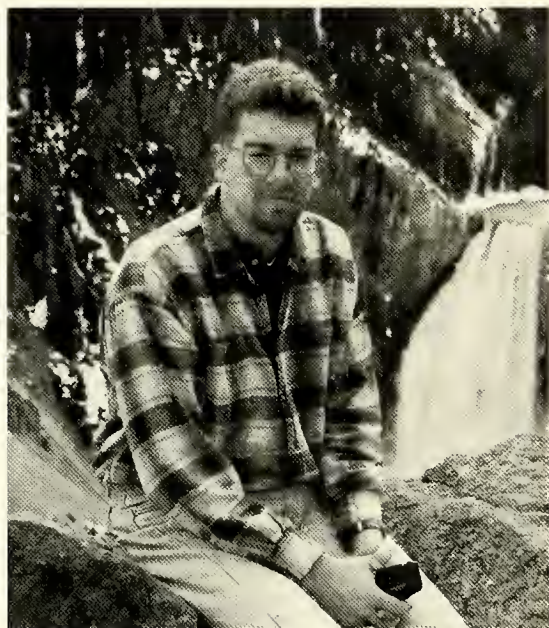
Left: Student questions were taken after the main presentation.

Above Right: Dole recognizes a question from the audience.

Student Breaks

Finally, a break! No matter where students ended up during Fall or Spring Break, it was a relief from sitting in class all day long. Many students were lucky enough to spend their breaks away from home and some place exotic. They ventured anywhere from the warm, sandy beaches of Panama City and Daytona Beach, to the not-so-warm cities with snow like Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Some students were lucky and had the funds to visit very exotic locations such as Costa Rica, Mexico, or the Bahamas. Others were not so lucky in the funds department and went home to peace and quite, and some in finding a job. No matter where students went, it was nice to be out of Cullowhee. The students soon returned to finish up the semester refreshed.



Top Right: Hey Mickey, you're so fine! With Minnie's help, these girls try to get Mickey's attention at Walt Disney World.

Right: Mardi Gras! These girls are decked from head to toe in beads and ready to show Louisiana how partying is really done.

Bottom Left: Cooling off. Louis Perno spends his Spring Break in the scenic mountains of Colorado.

Bottom Right: Watch out Atlanta! Giving their sexiest smiles, these divas are about to spice things up in Hotlanta.





Top: Gettin' wild! These girls have just begun to get rowdy on their trip to New York.

Left: Senator Costello? Don Costello seems to have found his home at the Capital.

Above: Sisters by chance, friends by choice. Laura and April Hyatt spend their Spring Break together in Ramsey, New Jersey.

Night Life

Though the day was planned for classes, the night was dedicated for fun. With the opening of Sneaky Petes, many students found a new favorite hangout.

Others socialized at O'Malleys, Thunder Ridge, fraternity houses, apartments, and even in the dorms. Not everyone partied. Some attended plays, cheered on the track team, went to church functions, or hungout in the University Center.

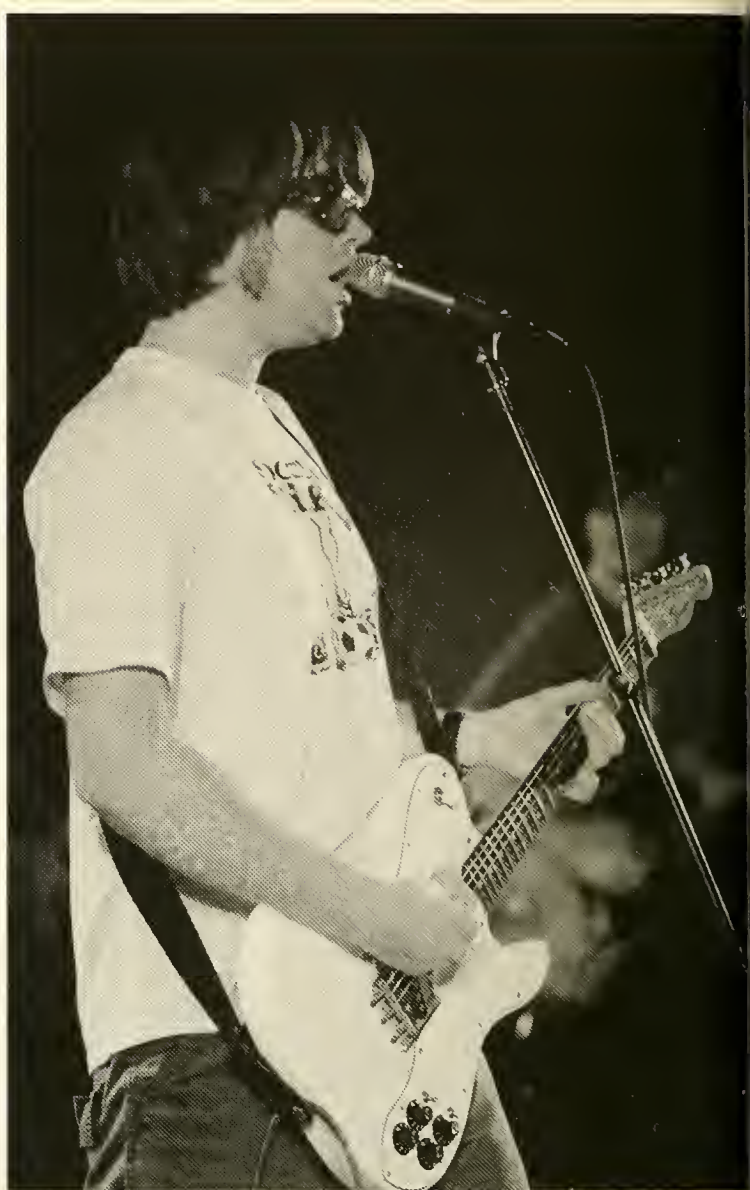
No matter what students chose to do at night, all reached their ultimate goal to have fun.



Top Right: Cowboy Mouth in concert! Concerts are a popular night event for students on campus. Many travel to Atlanta, Charlotte and farther to see popular bands.

Above: Rolling out for the evening! This wacky bunch takes a moment to try on sun glasses in the Citgo, in the middle of the night.

Right: Getting together for a pitcher of beer, this group of friends catches up on the weeks events over a couple of drinks.





Top: Laura Hyatt and Matt Short dressed up just alike, as always! These two were on their way to a Halloween party late in the night.

Left: Happy 21st Birthday! Myron Wise and friends celebrate his birthday at Forest Hills apartments.

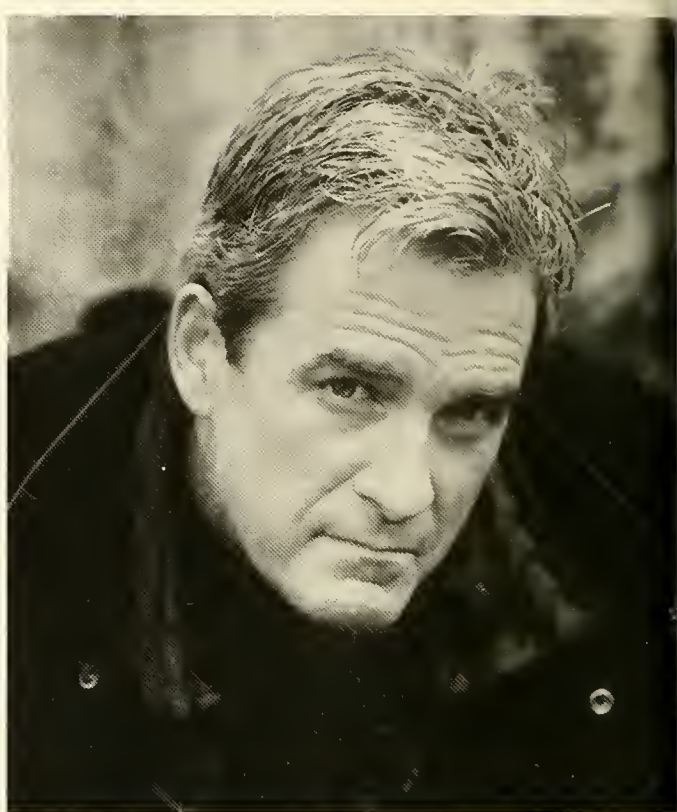
Above: Crystal Frame and Laura Katherine Collier get a big hug from Scott Terry at the Alpha Chi Red Carnation Ball.

Theatre

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts had a great year. It started off with Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," which was performed September 22-26 at the Hoey Auditorium.

A special guest made an appearance during the season, actor David Forsyth, better known as "Jim Thomason," on *All of My Children*. He appeared in the play "Willi" by John Pielmeier. The show ran from October 28-31 at Hoey Auditorium.

Although the fall season turned out great, the spring season led to even more excitement. Eugene Ionesco's "Exit the King," was presented at Hoey Auditorium on February 23-27. The play had often been compared to Shakespeare's "King Lear." The final play, wrapping up the year was, "Annie Get your Gun" by Irving Berlin. The play was staged at the Hoey Auditorium from April 13-17. Many hours were put in by the Theatre and Communications Department, players, costume and backstage crews, to make the session a complete success.



Top Right: David Forsyth gave a stunning performance in the one-act play "Willi" by John Pielmeier.

Right: Not to be forgotten. Without the stage crew, the University Players wouldn't have the spectacular scenery that set the mood for a play.

Above: Kicking off the spring season, "Exit the King," which ran from February 23-27, was a tough act to follow.



Left: Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" had a tremendous turnout.



Above: This actress makes some last minute makeup changes before going on.



Above: These actors make the characters of "Barefoot in the Park" come alive through their hard work and talent.



Above: Ahh, the finished product! This actress is ready to show off her range of talent to the audience.

Sports





TOUCHDOWN

Catamount Football Reaching for the Top!!



Top Left: The football team huddles in a prayer after win at home.

Top right: Tracy Briggs and Justin Cella wait patiently for the start of the game.

Bottom left: Brad Hoover, WCU tailback, rushes through the defensive line.



The Catamounts were on the hunt for something big this past season. The Catamounts continued the building process to improve their winning record for the 1998 season. Under the leadership of seniors such as Bo Robinson, David Runner, and numerous others, this past season was a successful step in the right direction. The Catamounts finished fifth in the Conference, but they were able to step on some toes. The Cats were able to upset Appalachian State and bring some recognition to Cullowhee. Western fans also saw both goal post come down after the victory and the return of *the Old Mountain Jug* for the first time in 13 years.

The Catamounts made the 1998 season a success with hard work and striving to be the best. The coach believes under the guidance of the upcoming seniors and the new additions to the team, the Cats will have an even better season next year.



Top left: Homecoming tradition is for the home team to win all games which WCU did successfully against UTC.

Bottom left: On offense, David Abernathy and Brad Hoover, break down Elon's defense.

CATS!



Above: Ken Hinsley kicks another record setting punt.

GIVE ME A...

WCU Cheerleaders. The Backbone of Sports

The Catamount Cheerleaders started a new season with the return of a female and male squad. The cheerleaders were at every home game and traveled to all away football and basketball games. Their support not only helped the teams win, but also got the crowds excited. The girls and guys worked many long hours to perfect their routines and cheers. With the help of cheerleading coach Charity Irvin, the team also spent many hours in the gym each week to help build strength and endurance for more explosive stunts. All of the hard work and spirit paid off for the team. The cheerleaders became a crucial part of the football and basketball games, supporting the Cats to victory.



Above: Set it up. The cheerleaders get ready to perform a cheer in front of a crowd at a basketball game.



Above: Go Western! Eddie Wells yells to get the crowd pumped up at a home football game.



Above: Getting the job done. Vance Henry sets the sound people straight about where to set up their equipment.



Above: Go Cats! The Cheerleaders are all smiles as they cheer the team to victory.



Above: All together now. The squad must work together carefully to get the formations to work properly.

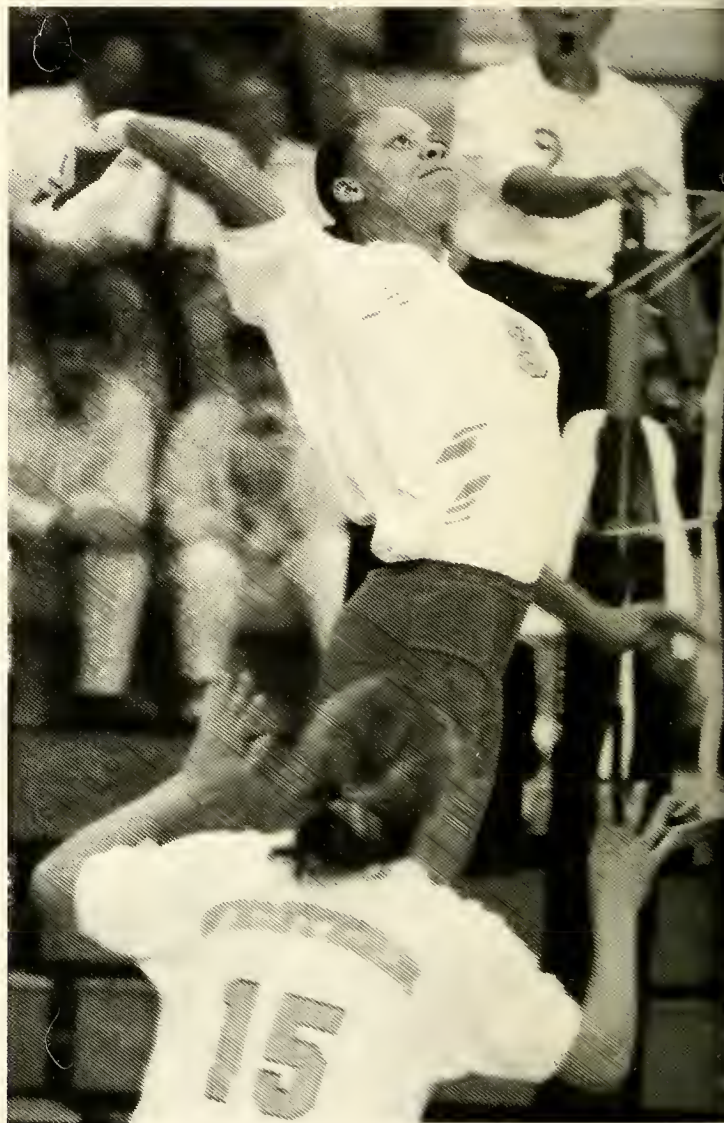


Above: One step at a time. The cheerleaders are building their formation from the bottom to the top, and nervously wait for the last girl to get in place.

SET, SPIKE, POINT

WCU Women's Volleyball Team

Western's Volleyball team ended a great regular season with a #2 seed in this year's Southern Conference Championship. Not only did they achieve success, but improved from a 6-10 season last year to 13-5 this year. The team really pulled through, as freshmen and seniors alike, made amazing plays throughout the season. Head Coach Michelle Hansen stated her team "found ways to win" by being "alert and ready to go at each game." Two important wins occurred over Georgia Southern and the College of Charleston. The Lady Cats finished the season on the right foot. In the first round of the playoffs, the Lady Cats started with the win against UNC-Greensboro. The team would continue a fighting attitude throughout the tournament.



Above: Set! Freshmen Catamount sets her teammate up for the kill, and makes the point!

Left: Quick reflexes! Elizabeth Smith jumps in for the save as she bumps the volleyball across the court. The Lady Cats' volleyball team competed well enough this year to place in the Southern Conference Tournament.



Top Left: Ready and waiting. As the other team serves the volleyball, team member Holly Poff prepares for a strong response.

Above: Hit 'em high! Reaching for the ball, Lady Catamount Christy Atteberry prevents opposition from scoring points.

Bottom Left: Senior Christy Atteberry is on the prowl as she stuffs this volleyball down the center of the court. The crowd chants, "Point, Western!"

CROSS COUNTRY

Striving to be the Best!

Cross Country runners push themselves to the limit in order to get their bodies in shape. They are distance runners, and each meet consists of two or three miles. In late fall, the cross country team can be seen running through the Western Carolina campus. With the cold weather working against them, they run miles to build stamina and endurance. The WCU team competes against other schools in the Southern Conference like Furman, Davidson, Appalachian, and East Carolina. At each meet they set out to do their best.



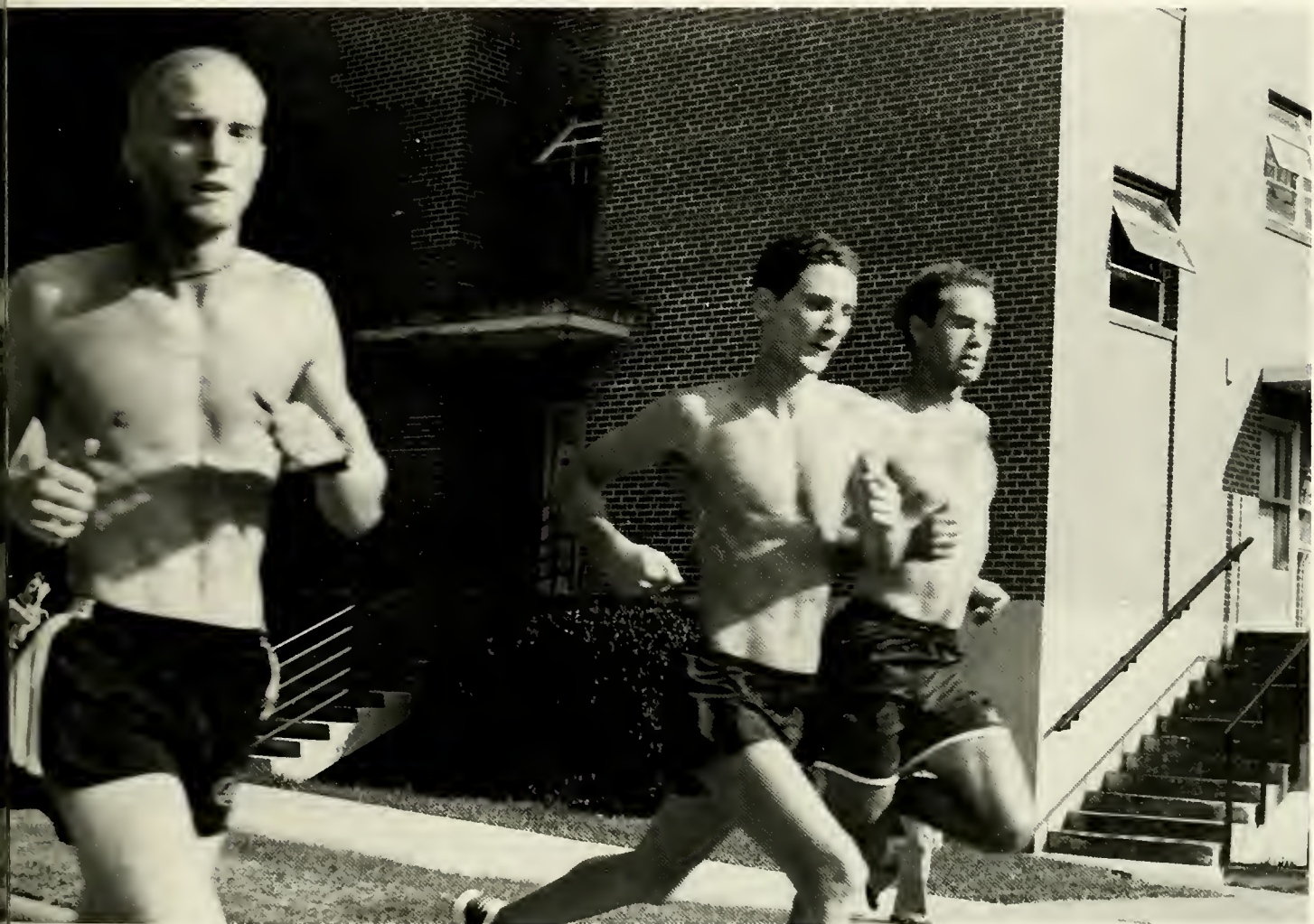
Top: Andy Prut putting the finishing touches on his running performance.

Bottom: Josh Pa is picking up the pace as he prepares for his next competition.





bove: "On you mark, get set, GO!" The race begins with all the competitors in a group. WCU Cross Country competes in any meets during the season.



bove: Robert Stevens, Jermiah Burchner, Jeff Howard, and assistant coach Sam Barral are getting in shape for a meet.

Basketball

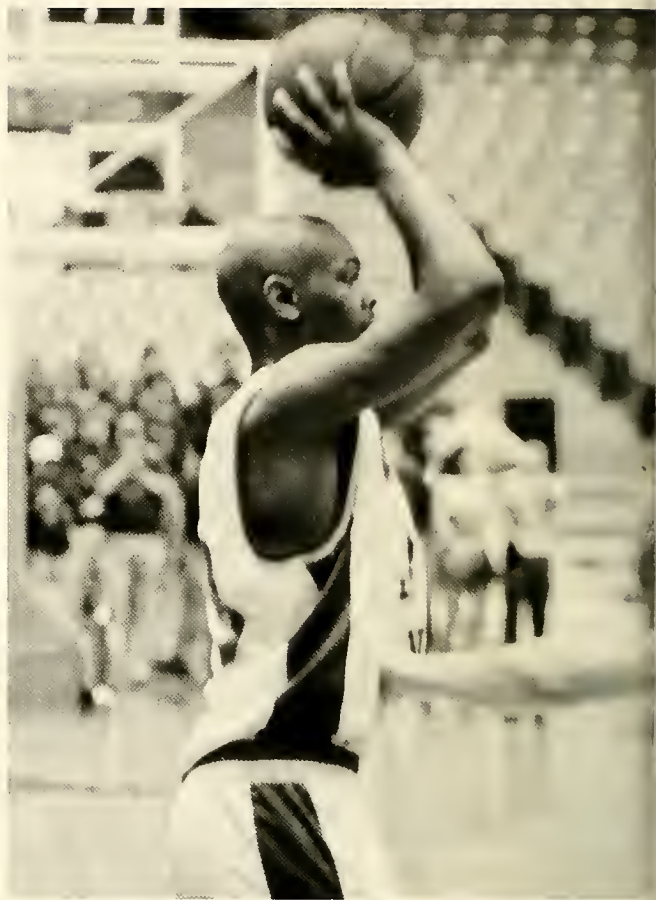
Men's

For the men's basketball team, this year was a building season. The season started slow but picked up as it progressed, culminating in their 3rd appearance in the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals in 5 years.

Coach Phil Hopkins was proud of improvements his players made this season, and is very optimistic for the future; all five starters will return next year.

Senior Dondrell Whitmore was the Catamount's leading scorer, averaging 13.6 points per game and the leading rebounder grabbing 7.2 boards per game. Southern Conference Freshmen of the Year, Casey Rogers led the team in assist (5.3 pts) and three pointers made (2.4 pts). Rogers was also the first Western freshman to be named to the All Tournament Team since 1979.

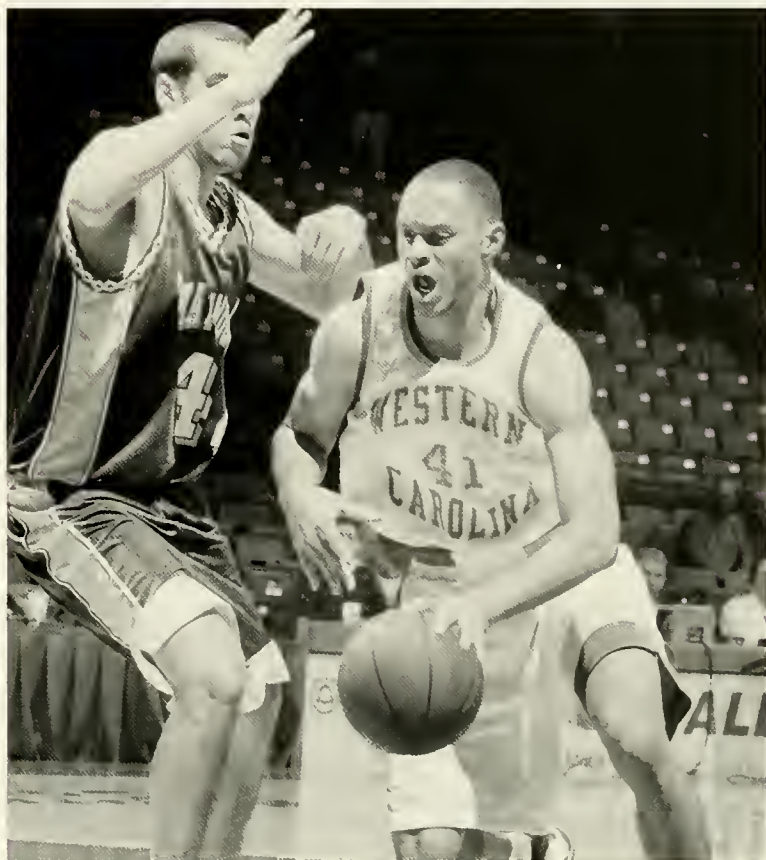
The highlight of WCU's season was their wins against Davidson and defending champion Wofford in the Southern Conference Tournament.



Top: Joey Bryson tries to draw the defender away from Lorgent. Lorgent studies the court for a clean pass inside the long 3.

Left: Lorgent glides past a group of awestruck Davidson WildCat's, and he makes it look easy.

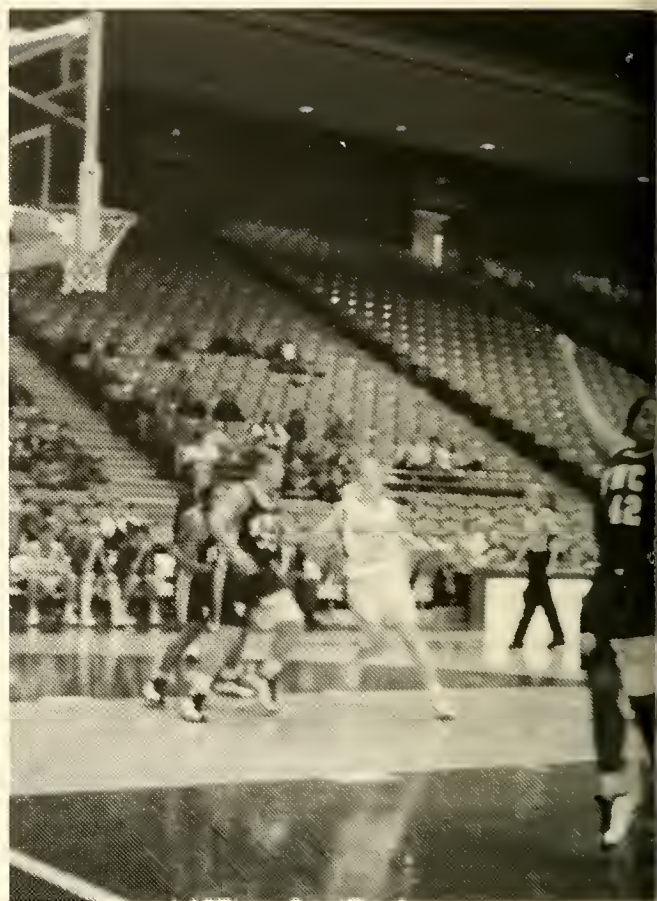
Above: Michael Plavich gets some last second advice from Coach Hopkins before heading back to the game.



ove Right: Casey Rogers displaying some of the skills that led to his being named Southern Conference Freshmen of the Year.

ove: Coach Hopkins discusses the play with his Catawba team.

ht: Leading scorer Dondrell Whitmore drives strong to the lane on his way to another 2 points. This defender, who has the best view in the house, stands by helplessly.



Above Left: Leading assister Amy Proffitt studies situation, looking for a clean path to dish the ball out teammate.

Above: The Lady Cats leading scorer, April Fleck, tal to the hole against a helpless Davidson opponent.

Left: Tameka Parks shoots over the out stretched arm Davidson defenders.

Basketball

Women's

This season was a special one for the Lady Catamounts. Under new head coach Jill Dunn, the Lady Cats racked up a 12-16 regular season record and a 8-10 record in the Southern Conference. Their eight Southern Conference wins were the most ever by the Lady Cat's team.

For the second consecutive reason April Fleck led the team in scoring with 12.3 points per game. Amy Proffit put in a solid season leading the team with 2.5 assist per game. Laura Echols was all over the boards pulling down 5.9 per game.

The Lady Cats had a strong post season. In the first round of the Southern Conference Finals, they beat the strong College of Charleston team 67-57. They lost in the quarter finals round. With many of the team's top players returning next season, the Lady Catamounts prove they are still growing stronger



Top: April Fleck nails one from downtown.

Right: Willow Russell cuts her way into the point with a roller cross over.

Below: Kristy Kent displays the heart that made the Cats so strong this season, as she gives up her body taking a hard defensive stance.



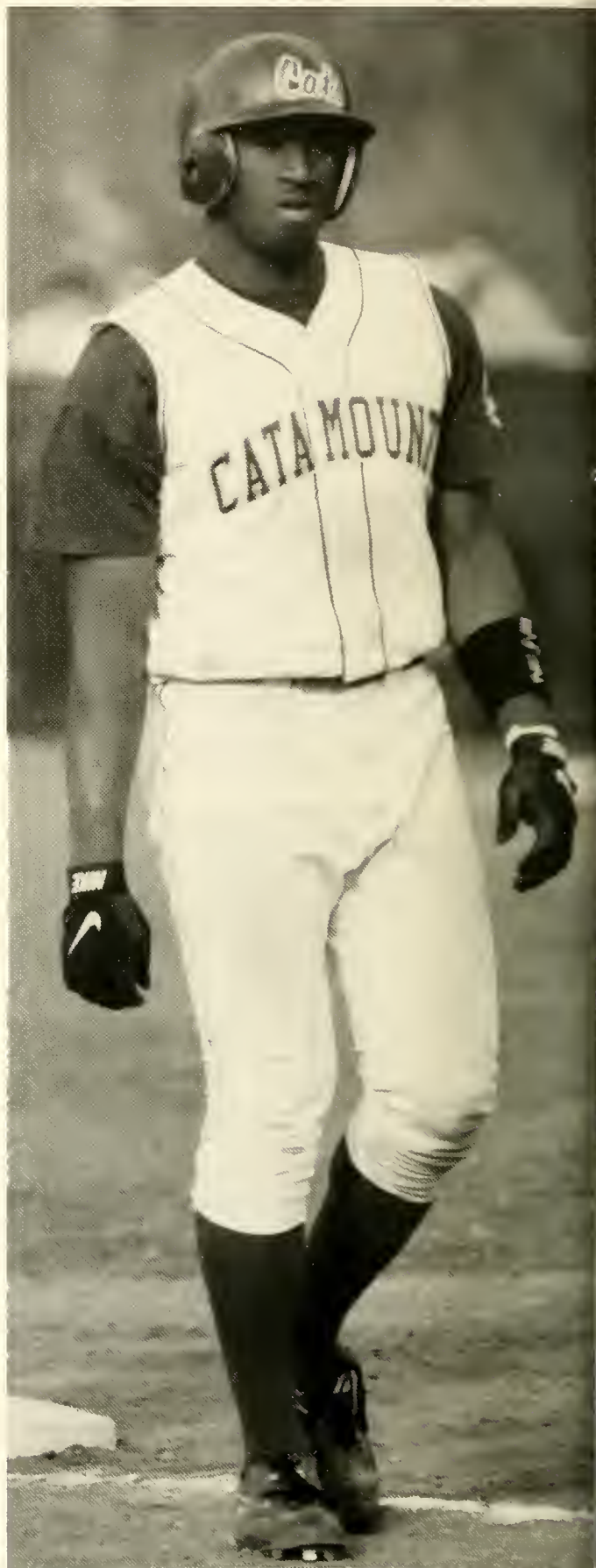
Baseball

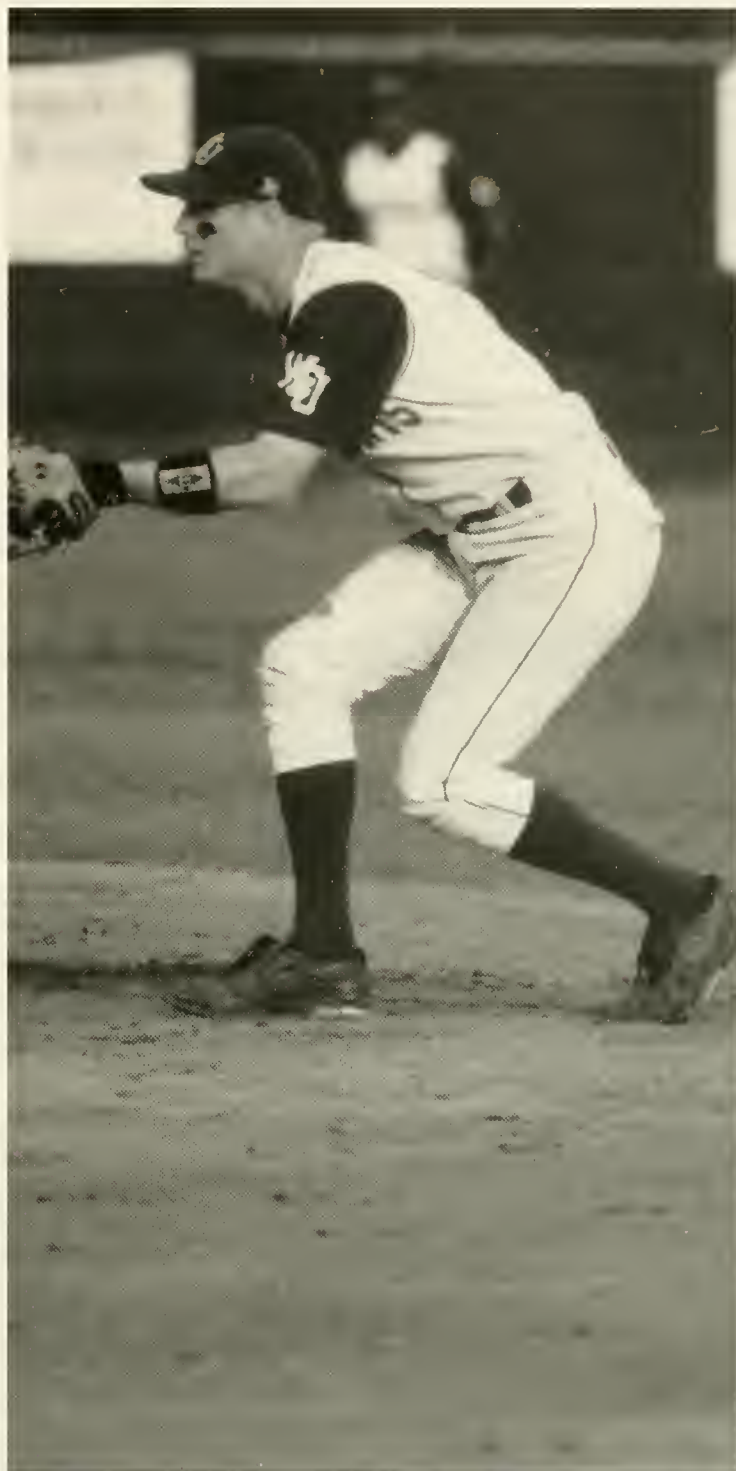
No sport helped usher in the spring semester at Western Carolina University like baseball does every year. As one of Western's strongest sport teams, baseball drew crowds of Catamounts regardless of the location, whether home or away. Each year the team does their best to play better than the year before, and this season was no exception for the Catamounts. The Cats always aimed to finish well in the Conference games, but they also shined as an outstanding team, regardless of the game or opponent. The WCU baseball team was an example of hardwork, dedication, and pride.



Above: Eric Johnson, known as "EJ" to Western fans, holds WCU's record for single-season stolen bases. He prepares himself to tie the school's hitting record.

Right: EJ stands on third base and eyes home hungrily.





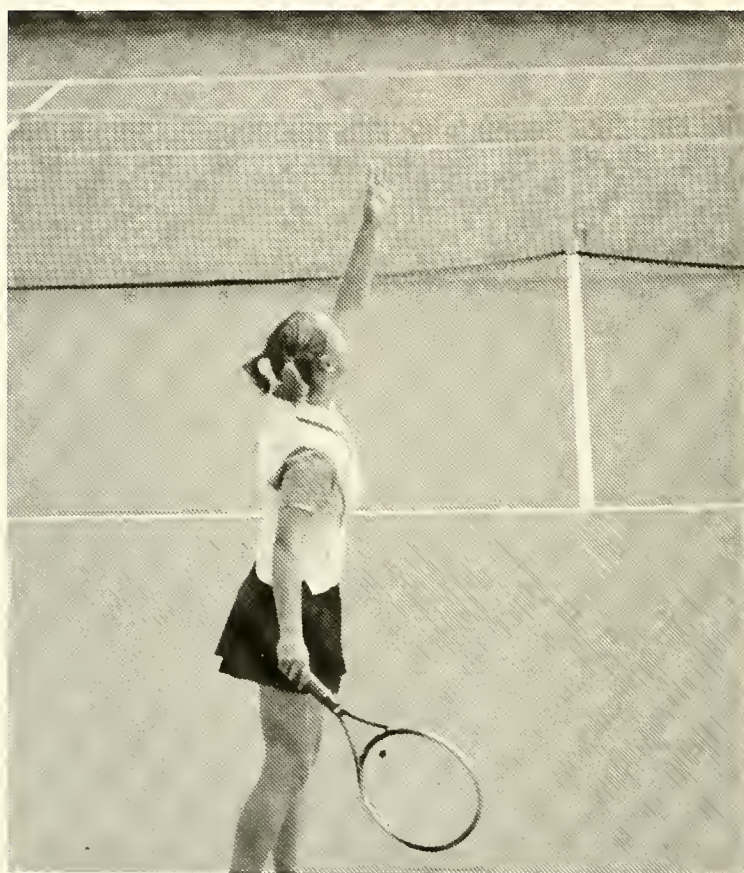
Above: Quick reactions and non-stop intensity helps boost the Catamounts to the upper region of the Southern Conference.

Left: Cats' short stop, Chris Moore, makes his way around the bases. Moore holds WCU's all-time doubles record.

Top Left: This Cat readies himself for the catch and quick out.

Tennis

Squinting in the afternoon sun, the tennis team prepared to sweat it out in yet another highly competitive match. Western's tennis team was put together from a group of dedicated, hard working, competitive individuals. Whether practicing their singles and doubles games at home, or aching the competition in a match, the WCU tennis team pushed hard and posed a formidable enemy on the court to the competition.



Above: She prepares to serve. . .

Above Right: This Lady Cat rushes to the net to send the ball flying back to her opponent.

Right: . . . and she whacks the ball home.





Top Left: This player shows off the goods for a hungry Western crowd.

Top Right: This player skillfully positions herself with both eyes on the ball and her racket high in the air.

Above: This Lady Cat is ready to pounce on the ball as soon as her opponent sends it to her side of the net.

Left: Not during my game. This Lady Cat pushes herself to win the game.



Top Right: This Cat just passes the bar in the pole vault, one of the many difficult events that the WCU track and field teams dominated.

Above: Annie, one of Western's skilled cross country runners, gracefully makes her way around the final lap.



Track

Track is a sport of extreme intensity, requiring of its participants an amazing level of endurance. This year's Indoor teams won the Southern Conference titles. The dominating track and field team brought home dual Outdoor championships as well. The men's cross country team placed forth in the Southern Conference Championships, while making impressive showings throughout the South and Northeast. In the process, they defeated defending champion, Clemson in the Tiger Town Relays.

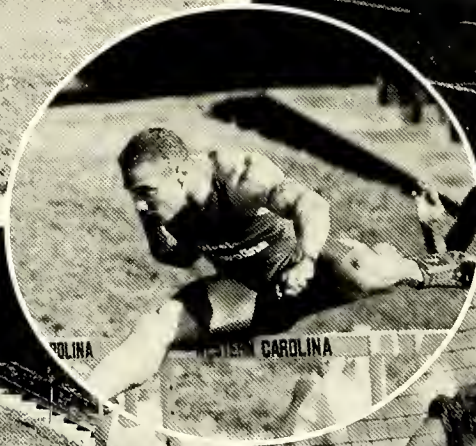


Above Left: Shot put takes tremendous upper body strength. This fearsome Cat prepares to spin and launch this one.

Above: These Lady Cats pace themselves and prepare to jet past their East Tennessee opponent.

Left: The hurdles require immense physical endurance and concentration. This Lady Cat leaps over them effortlessly.

Indoor and Outdoor Track 98-99 Southern Conference Champions





Congratulations to the Western Carolina track teams on their dual Championships for the 98-99 season!

The Ruggers

The Rugby team was founded as a club sport at WCU in the Spring of 1991 by Sumner and Jason Martin. The sport has grown a great deal since then, with a prosperous season this year for the Catamount Rugby team under the leadership of Mr. Mike Smith.

The fall season came to a great end when Western handed Appalachian State a loss. That same Saturday, Western beat Appalachian in football and the Rugby team defeated the Mountaineers in an upset victory.

One WCU player from Whales stated, "Rugby here at Western was very fun." He also said that he had never seen a team hit as hard as Western.



Above right: These guys reach for the sky to catch the ball. Many times during the game different members of the team will be thrown into the air to get the ball.

Above left: Hey! Now that's what you call a struggle. This Western player holds on tight so his opponent doesn't get away with the ball.

Right: Wow! These guys attack hard to gain control of the ball. Both teams struggle for the ball so their team may gain control of the game.





Above: It's hard to keep hold of the ball when everyone is surrounding you. The two teams fight to get the ball away from each other.



Above: It's out of here! This player puts all he has into the kick.



Above: One man is down and has lost control of the ball. His teammates try to protect him while they scramble to get the ball.

Left: What a pass! What a catch! What a play! The Western team has had to perfect working together to become a winning team.

Greeks





*"There's so many personalities
that everyone fits in without
conforming to a group."
--Alpha Chi Omega Sisters*

AXO Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega is a National Collegiate Sorority that offers sisters a lifetime membership. It also gives them a chance to experience in self-governing, and encourages them to develop an educated woman. The sorority was founded in 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana and now has chapters at over 100 universities and colleges.

The sisters of Alpha Chi Omega were quite active on campus participating in intramurals, mixers, formals, philanthropic activities and academics.



Top Left: Tailgating before the Saturday afternoon Football game at Western, these sisters socialize together and have fun.

Top Right: These girls know where their hearts belong and are proud to wear their letters.

Bottom Left: All smiles! Kathryn Allman and Melissa Cummings share the bond of sisterhood.

Bottom Right: These sisters have a blast at the Red Carnation Ball.



Alpha Gamma Delta

"I became an Alpha Gam because it's a young sorority and I wanted to help build a tradition"

--Krystal Yarbrough

Alpha Gamma Delta founded May 30, 1904 at Wake Forest University. The chapter received its charter February 1996 and became a part of campus life at WCU. Alpha Gam members hold the meaning of sisterhood close to their hearts, still possessing their own individuality at the same time. Members were lively members of campus life, involved in Homecoming, honorary clubs, murals, student support groups, and teaching fellows. Members held high scholarship and strong academics. Service projects were a big part in sisterhood, as they raised money for national philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



Top Right: All dressed up and ready to go out! These Alpha Gam's are ready to party on Halloween night.

Bottom Left: Rush week is a busy week for the sorority, with many activities occurring. These sisters pose for a group shot on Bid Day before the rush of activities scheduled for later that night.

Above: Dressed to kill, these sisters take time from having fun to pose for a picture at the Alpha Gamma Delta Formal. The sorority hosts many events throughout the year for its members.

"By culture, by merit."

--AKA Motto

AKA Alpha Kappa Alpha



On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by and for black women. The purpose of our organization is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; promote unity and friendship among college women; study and help alleviate problems concerning women and girls; maintain a progressive interest in college life and supreme in service to all mankind.



Top Left: The official hang-out spot for the Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters. These girls display their letters, and display them proudly.

Top Right: The sisters have snagged themselves a couple of guys. Of course, these guys don't seem to be putting up much of a fight. The Alpha Kappa Alpha girls are loving, enthusiastic, and a talented group.

Bottom Left: The Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters are always there for each other. They have formed a level of unity unsurpassed by any.

Bottom Right: Once again at the coveted official hang out destination these girls are all smiles. The Kappa Alpha chapter devoted their time to many worthy causes like the Red Cross and uplifting black families.



Alpha Omega Fraternal Ministries

*"Let us not love with
words or tongue but with
action and in truth"*
--1 John 3:18

The purpose of Alpha Omega Fraternal Ministries was to give up men and women who needed to know God and to make him known.

Our mission was to know God and to make him known by having a fun and exciting non-alcoholic Christian Greek Fraternal Ministry dedicated to knowing God and teaching each other through daily private Bible study and prayer, evangelism programs, social events, service projects, Biblical living, and accountability. Our dream mission was and forever will be to provide a Christian alternative to other Greek fraternities and sororities.



Top Right: Lauren Jewell, Jenny Watson, Wendy Nicholson, and the girls of Alpha Omega Chi get down with the Catamount at Western Carolina's "Spirit Night." Looks like they are feeling that old time religion.

Bottom Left: Alpha Omega Delta and their sister sorority Alpha Omega Chi take their show out on the road. These happy campers

and their huge truck were a highlight of this WCU parade.

Above: The boys of the Alpha Omega Delta fraternity thrive as the only chapter that remains active in the United States. The fraternity was originally founded in Charlotte and even that chapter has since died out.



"The Alpha Xi's are sisters who believe in individuality, being who you are and cherishing the bond of sisterhood."

--Kristen Hedrick

Alpha Xi Delta

The National Sorority of Alpha Xi Delta was founded at Lomb College in Illinois on April 17, 1893. The Epsilon Gamma Chapter Alpha Xi Delta was founded at Western on May 7, 1966. The Alpha Xi Delta are a very prominent sorority at Western with many awards such as "Sorority of the Year" in both 1997 and 1998. The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta pride themselves on the qualities of loyalty and friendship in the bond of sisterhood.



Top Left: These sisters are totally groovy! The pledge class of Spring '98 flashed back to the 60's at their Woodstock mixer with Pi Kappa Phi.

Top Right: Girls just wanna have fun! There's never a dull moment on the Alpha Xi hall. Where ever you look, there's always a smiling face and a true friend to talk to.



Bottom Left: It's all in the family! Amy Poe and one of her many little sisters, Nikki, spend time together tailgating at Homecoming. Alpha Xi families are very close. An Alpha Xi big sister is there through it all.

Bottom Right: Dancing the night away! The sisters of Alpha Xi are all glitter and glam at their Spring Formal in Cherokee. With two formals every year, the AΞΔ's jump at the chance to get dressed up and have fun with their sisters.



Delta Zeta

"You always have sisters to support you no matter what! It's like a home away from home."

--Delta Zeta Sister

Delta Zeta Sorority was founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. It is the largest National Sorority. The Delta Zeta's take part in many events on campus like sports, clubs, and other activities. Some of the service projects they participate in are Adopt-a-Highway, Halloween Carnival, and candy donations. They were presented a trophy for winning the very first Sigma Chi sponsored Derby Days this year.



Top: These Delta Zeta's are dancing the night away! With all smiles, these sisters let loose at the Winter Formal. It's a night of glamour and fun they'll never forget.

Bottom Left: Letters and all, the sisters of Delta Zeta prepare for the parade through campus signifying the start of Greek Week. Each year all of the fraternities and sororities gather together with their

homemade chariots and march down to Reid Field to race.

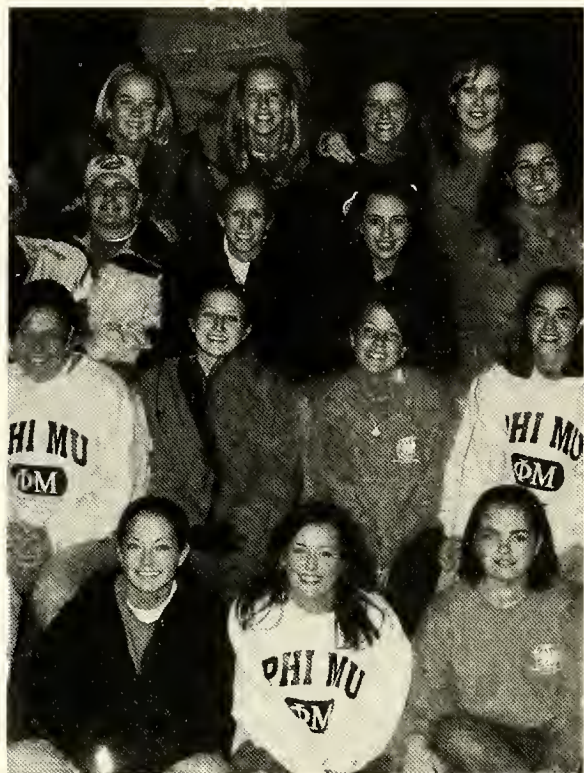
Above: Sisters and best friends, Destiny and Kelly clown around before their big night! Lai's and Hawaiian skirts ready, they'll join their sisters at the Hawaiian Date Party at the Pikes. Mixers and Date Parties are a good chance for sororities and fraternities to get to know each other better.

"Phi Mu . . . It's not something you become, it's what you've always been."

Phi Mu

As an organization on Western's campus Phi Mu's was very involved with campus life and activities throughout Western. Each member was involved with at least one other organization besides Phi Mu. Many of the sisters held offices in other organizations.

Phi Mu was also involved with intramurals and won past 10 out of 11 years competing with all of the sororities. Phi Mu's represented the best that sorority life has to offer.



Top Left: The Phi Mu sisters are always all smiles. They know all of the joy, love, and loyalty that their sorority was founded on.

Top Right: This gang of sisters huddles together for a picture opportunity. Phi Mu is the second oldest national sorority, and yet they look so young.

Bottom Left: These two sisters exemplify the "it's what you've always been" motto of the Phi Mu chapter.

Bottom Right: Are you experienced? The colorful Phi Mu get a little kooky and psychedelic.



Zeta Phi Beta

"Proclaiming a legacy of world class service."

On the campus of Howard University, January 16, 1998, a new sorority was established. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded by five women who decided to charter the sorority to engage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs. The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participated in every aspect of campus life, including community service projects, campus awareness programs, time management, and stress reduction programs. The programs consisted of areas which were set forth by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. national headquarters.



Top Right The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. take pride in their motto of "Proclaiming a legacy of world class service."

Bottom Left: Three members of Spring '98 pose after their stepping debut during Black Awareness.

Above: This sister of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. takes time to pose for a picture with the hospital staff at their

Annual Halloween Hospital visit of C.J. Harris Hospital in Sylva.

"Love, the greatest of all things."

Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded in 1898 by nine young women at Longwood College in Virginia. Today it is the third largest women's organization in the United States. The Zeta chapter at West Carolina University, Zeta Iota, has 51 members. They are a diverse group of women involved with many campus activities and allow for many leadership opportunities. Their national philanthropy is the Susan G. Korman Breast Cancer Foundation. Zeta Tau Alpha was founded on the virtue of "love, the greatest of all things."



Top Left: These two Zeta sisters take a minute from their grueling schedules to have their pictures taken.

Top Right: The glamorous girls of Zeta Tau Alpha get funky at the ZTA Crown Ball 1998.

Bottom Left: The Zeta girls form one of the prominent sororities on campus. The relationships these Zetas have formed will last a lifetime.

Bottom Right: Who needs men when you're in the company of chicks like these. For the girls, "love, the greatest of all things" is definitely a way of life.



Alpha Phi Alpha

*"First of all, servants
of all we shall
transcend all."
--Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc.*

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Cornell University on December 4, 1906. It was the first Greek-letter organization founded for African Americans.

The Nu Zeta chapter at WCU was founded on March 7, 1977. The colors of the fraternity are black and old gold. Since the organization's founding in 1906, more than 150,000 men have joined the ranks of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Some of the fraternity legacy members include Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DeBois, Thurgood Marshall, Eddie Robinson, and Jesse Owens.



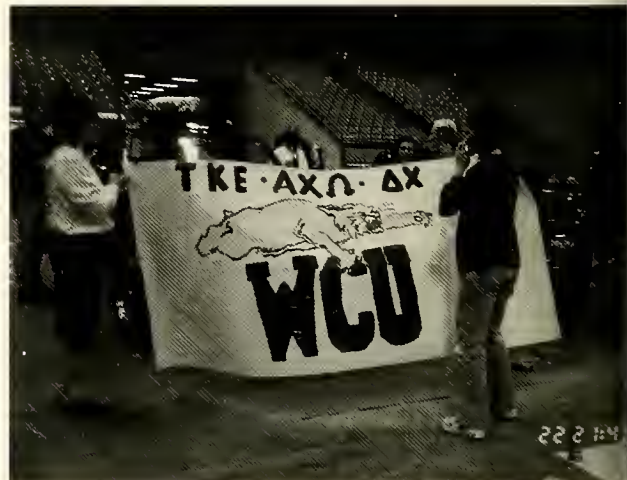
Top Right: These brothers take some time out of their busy schedules to try and recruit possible members at the WCU organization fair.

Bottom Left: The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. are known throughout the nation for their hard work and community involvement. These brothers take a second out of a hard days work to pose for a picture with

AKA sisters at a blood drive.

Above: O.J. Morris poses with a Girl Scout at a program that was held by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.







"Delta Chi: the brotherhood of a lifetime."

Delta Chi

Delta Chi was founded locally at Western Carolina University on October 13, 1991, and founded Nationally at Cornell University on January 31, 1890. The brothers are active in many aspects of campus life including intramurals, blood drives, and mixers, while continuing to raise money for their National Philanthropy, the Leukemia Society of America. As membership continues to grow, this diverse group of brothers continues to pride themselves on hard work, high academic standards, and a brotherhood that lasts a lifetime.



Top Left: Delta Chi president Lou Perno and Sweetheart April Hyatt enjoy a meal at the Sagebrush during the Delta Chi Senior Salute.

Top Right: The Delta Chi Fraternity prides itself on a strong brotherhood and the friendships formed through this bond. These brothers enjoy a night of partying to celebrate a brother's birthday.



Bottom Left: Stopping for a quick snapshot, these two brothers show how strong the bond of brotherhood is. Close friendships are definitely not hard to come by in the Delta Chi Fraternity.

Bottom Right: This brother takes a well deserved break after a hard day of tailgating.



Kappa Alpha

"The gentlemen of the fraternity world."

Kappa Alpha Order is a way of life significant to the development of young men. To be "the gentlemen of the fraternity world," the members of Kappa Alpha begin in the acquisition of knowledge and the development of character to be great men of life.

Brothers are involved in Student Government, sports, societies, intramurals, charity events and South Weekend. KA teaches young men to be leaders, brave, self-reliant and to continuously strive to better themselves.



Top Right: Beer in hand, these brothers stake their claim as the kings of Greek tailgating before a home football game.

Bottom Left: The gentlemanly brothers of KA show up for the annual dinner formal known as the Dixie Ball. All decked out in their best clothes, it is a bonding experience the brothers will carry with them for a lifetime.



Above: It's all about family. Kappa Alpha Order helps these brothers forget about all of the stresses of college life and brings everything back to the basics.



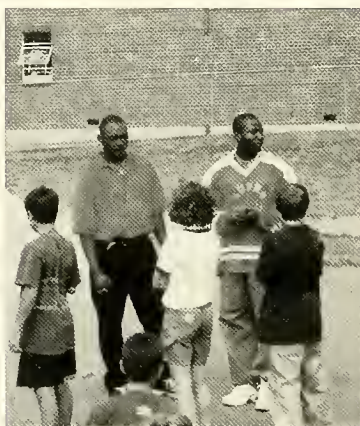
*"Achievement in every field of
human endeavor."
--Kappa Alpha Psi Motto*

Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana January 5, 1911. The Kappa Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was founded April 11, 1981. Since its founding in 1981, the Kappa Sigma Chapter Nupes have been excelling in many different aspects of life at WCU. From Student Government President, resident assistants, intramural champions, talent show winners, to track stars, Kappa Alpha Psi has been leading students at WCU for years.



Top Left: LaFouji Alexander stands in front of Burger King holding a sign advertising the KAPΨ car wash and bake sale in conjunction with Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Waynesville. The proceeds went to help their youth choir buy robes.



Top Right: The brothers of KAPΨ pose for a picture after stunning the crowd with their electrifying step show.

Bottom Left: The brothers held a mini track and field training camp for some children at Scotts Creek Elementary School.

Bottom Right: These sharply dressed brothers gather for a picture after church.



Lambda Chi Alpha

"There is a difference."

Lambda Chi Alpha, "The fraternity of honor and friendship," is very active in greek life at Western Carolina University. The fraternity hosted many social events at their own front house this past year, such as mixers, sorority apps, Lambdapalooza, and Spring Weekend. Lambda Chi Alpha strives to make college a fun experience for each of the brothers. They are all-campus intramural champions and are very involved in the community through charities and fundraisers. In the end, Lambda Chi Alpha represents a different kind of greek than the rest of the greek community.



Top Right: The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha take time from a busy day of partying to pose for a picture during tailgating.

Bottom Left: Lambda Chi participates actively in every aspect of greek life at Western. They host events such as this Wedding Mixer with Alpha Chi Omega.

Above: These brothers look like they just stepped off the cover of GQ Magazine while posing for a picture at their formal. The Lambda Chi hosted several formal events for their members during the year.

*"Culture for service,
service for humanity."
--Phi Beta Sigma Motto*

Phi Beta Sigma

The Phi Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. founded on the campus of WCU on November 26, 1986. One founding brother was determined to establish a fraternal organization to meet the needs of local and college communities. The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are active members in National Pan-Hellenic and also C.O.S.A. the organization that was developed for all African American oriented clubs on campus.



Top Left: Roe and Mardell strike a pose and take the chance to show off their letters.

Top Right: The brothers get together with their sister sorority, Zeta Phi Beta. They're ready to rock this town. Tonight's the night to show Western North Carolina how to have a good time.



Bottom Left: Ernest and Mardell are caught in the act. These guys never stop "horsing around" and are the epitome of what a Sigma should be.



Bottom Right: Phi Beta Sigma shows what it's all about. Bonding, brotherhood, and Zeta Phi Betas...it just doesn't get any better than this!



PI KAPPA ALPHA

*"As iron sharpens iron,
so to, does one man
sharpen another."*

The Zeta Xi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is an organization in which one develops firm and long-lasting friendships which will carry them into their professional lives. The fraternity strives to develop scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen, and provides a stimulating atmosphere in which young men can prosper.

The Pikes have enjoyed a prosperous year. Their varied interests in campus leadership, community involvement, academics, and athletics have reinforced the positive influences a strong Greek system can provide.



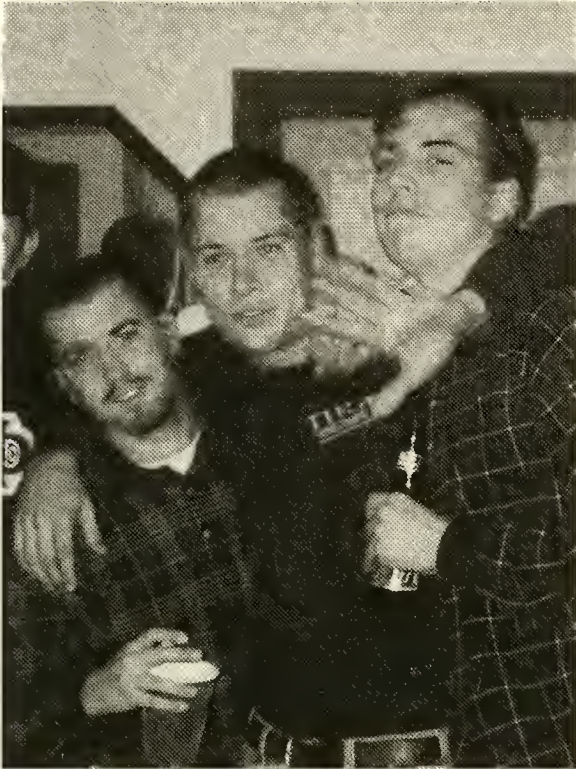
Top Right: The few, the proud, the Pikes. All of the Pike brothers come together for a group shot with the legendary Pi Kappa Alpha fireengine.

Bottom Left: These two guys believe they have what it takes to become a Pike. Pi Kappa Alpha president Dana Jones signs two potential rush-ees at the IFC Smoker.

Above: Here stands the prestigious Pike House. If these old walls could only talk they would have many stories to tell.

*"Mystic bond of brotherhood
makes all men one."
--Jon Harwood*

ΠΚΦ *Pi Kappa Phi*



Pi Kappa Phi was established in 1904 in Charleston, SC U the idea of Christian manhood, fellowship, personal responsibility, scholarship, and citizenship. The eternal brotherhood of Gamma Epsilon chapter became a part of Western's campus life November 1966. Known as the "friendly fraternity," brothers live with the motto "Nothing shall ever tear us asunder." Active on campus and in the community, Pi Kapps work diligently for PUSH America, their national philanthropy.



Top Left: A small group of the many Pi Kappa Phi brothers gather. These guys show why Pi Kapp has consistently been one of the larger fraternities at Western.

Top Right: Pi Kappa Phi has always been one of the most active of all the Greeks. These brothers devote some of their free time to intramurals, a great way to interact with the other fraternities.



Bottom Left: These two Pi Kappa Phi brothers exemplify the Greek bonding experience. They have formed a friendship strong enough to stand the test of time.

Bottom Right: Road Trip! This group of brothers find the perfect way to kill time in a motel room.



Π Λ Φ *Pi Lambda Phi*

"Your chapter reflects the caliber of men you rush."

Pi Lambda Phi was founded in 1895, upon the common belief that all men are created free and equal. These beliefs have brought about a cultural and racial diversity in Pi Lambda Phi. The Omega Zeta chapter at Western Carolina University was formed in 1978. The chapter at Western Carolina continues to grow by playing an active role within the university and the surrounding communities.



Top Right: The Pi Lam Posse is at it again. Known as the suave Greek chapter, these brothers plan on sweeping the ladies off their feet tonight.

Bottom Left: The Pi Lam's know exactly how to make the night come alive and last forever.

Above: Corey Cooper proves once again why the Pi Lambda Phi's are on the forefront of fashion.

"Sigma Chi is a way of life. It teaches you to be true to yourself and others."

--John H. King III

Sigma Chi

When change and progress come to mind, so does the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The fraternity has made accomplishments that normally take over a decade to achieve. This year they sponsored the first Days at WCU, raising over \$3000.00 for Children's Miracle Network. The Sigma Chi's brotherhood is diverse in temperament, talent, and conviction. The fraternity's success is due to the practice of friendship, justice, and learning. The result of this practice is a lifelong commitment to brotherhood in the Sigma Chi Fraternity.



Above: "United we stand, divided we fall." These Sigma Chis know what friendship means when it comes to brotherhood.

Top Right: All decked out in their nicest attire, the Sigma Chi brothers get together for a snapshot before their formal.

Bottom Left: These three brothers hang out in front of a monument devoted to Sigma Chi.

Bottom Right: Sigma Chi's like to let loose on the weekends after a long week of studying and community service.



Sigma Nu

*"The qualities of Sigma Nu
are love, truth, and honor.
The most important
being honor."*

Kappa Phi chapter of Sigma Nu International Fraternity was founded at WCU in October 1985. The brothers of Sigma Nu have strived to achieve academic excellence, community involvement, and have all, fun. In 1997, the members of Sigma Nu had the best GPA of any male social fraternity, and also won a nationwide award for the most improved GPA. Every year Sigma Nu raises thousands of dollars at the Duke Walk, a charity to fund cancer research. Sigma Nu is an organization that does a lot for the community, focuses on their academics, and finds the time to have a good



Above: The Sigma Nu's have a bond of brotherhood that lasts a lifetime. Dan, Ryan, and "Huddle" proudly display this bond of brotherhood every chance they get.

Bottom Left: The brothers of Sigma Nu enjoy hangin' out with friends and having a good time. The friends made through Sigma Nu will last these brothers a lifetime.



Bottom Right: The brothers of Sigma Nu sure do know how to turn a gathering into a party. Lance Love shows this girl how the brothers of Sigma Nu like to party.



*"You can't have a soul if
you don't have the
heart."*

Sigma Phi Epsilon



Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was founded nationally at Fmond College in 1901. Today, Sig Eps are the leading Greek organization with over 289 chapters nationwide.

The North Carolina Pi Chapter just celebrated 15 years outstanding brotherhood at Western Carolina University after being founded in 1983. Sigma Phi Epsilon bases their fraternal experience on pride, leadership, and overall excellence.



Top Left: These Sig Ep's hurry to build a human pyramid at last year's Greek Games. The fraternity participates in the games each year.



Top Right: These Sig Ep brothers and alumni are busy having fun during Homecoming. Homecoming is a chance for the alumni to see what their fraternity is doing.

Bottom Left: The annual Homecoming parade gives the people of Sylva a chance to watch the procession of Greeks, Clubs, and Sport teams. The Sig Ep's eagerly wait on Main Street for the start of the parade.

Bottom Right: The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon have fun hanging out and partying at their formal.

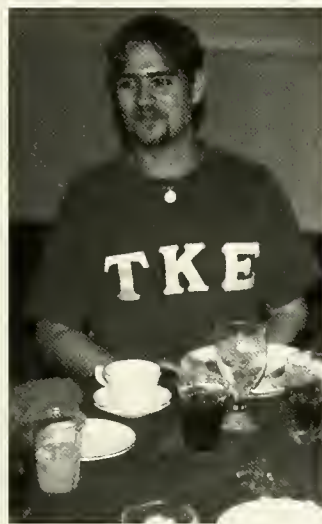


TKE

Tau Kappa Epsilon

"Not for wealth, rank, or honor but for the personal worth and character."
--Tau Kappa Epsilon Creed

Tau Kappa Epsilon is a select group of men with similar ideals and purposes bound together by deep friendship and mutual understanding. TKE was founded on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University on January 10, 1899, and is currently in its 138th year of existence on the campus of Western Carolina University. The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon continue their quest to produce a well rounded man by developing social poise, academic learning, and through service to others.



Above: These Tau Kappa Epsilons take advantage of any free time to hang out and party with brothers.

Bottom Left: Taking time out of their busy schedules, these TKE brothers spend time hanging out and eating at O'Malley's.

Bottom Right: This brother enjoys the diversity and common bond he shares with his fraternity. Although each

brother has a unique personality, they each share a bond of brotherhood that brings them together as one.

"Theta Xi is a group of individuals that have come together to form a strong brotherhood."

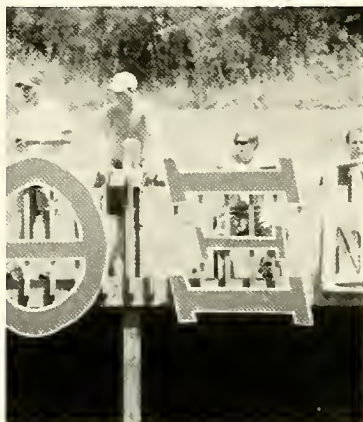


Theta Xi was Western Carolina University's first fraternity. Theta Xi prides themselves in a strong brotherhood, excellent athletic support, and a well kept house. Theta Xi stresses individuality from its members and does not expect any member to compromise. The fraternity promotes university and community relations by sponsoring a local youth soccer team, and doing philanthropic work on behalf of the mentally handicapped and Habitat for Humanity.



Top Left: The competitive Theta Xi brothers pile on top of each other as they race to first place in the Greek Games.

Top Right: Theta Xi has always proven themselves to be a close knit group. Here they spend time during a beautiful weekend with some of the sisters of Phi Mu.



Bottom Left: The Greek Games are often the highlight of Greek Week. All of the fraternities and sororities gather and battle for the undisputed title of most athletic Greek chapter.

Bottom Right: Joe Castain, Rick Jannetta, and Jon Murray strike their best Hulk Hogan poses. They are just three of the reasons Theta Xi is a force to be reckoned with.



Kappa Kappa Psi

"Kappa Kappa Psi is an integral part of the band program, supporting, upholding, and continuing music motion."

Kappa Kappa Psi is an integral band service fraternity. For members of music and band, Kappa Kappa Psi supports the band program at Western. During each band season, members are responsible for keeping the program running smoothly; from holding leadership positions such as section leaders, to hauling equipment, lining fields, raising money for new equipment and participating in the classroom.

This year marked a landmark occasion between Kappa Kappa Psi and its sister chapter Tau Beta Sigma. In order to better serve the Western Marching Band, these two organizations merged together to become united as one under Kappa Kappa Psi, leaving the Tau Beta Sigma chapter extinct.



Top right: In 1998, Kappa Kappa Psi merged with its sister chapter Tau Beta Sigma. Kappa Kappa Psi would like to extend its warmest welcome to the new brothers.

Bottom left: The Western Carolina University Marching Band is one of the most active organizations at WCU. This year, the Marching Cats performed for the Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saint's half time show in the Georgia Dome.

Above: These brothers and perspective members of Kappa Kappa Psi seem to be enjoying themselves during a night full of fun and togetherness.

Clubs



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Catamount Yearbook

Continuing a Tradition!

Always faced with the pressure of deadlines, the *Catamount Yearbook* was faced with an additional pressure of this possibly being the last issue of the *Catamount* after a 67 year tradition. The staff was constantly under scrutiny to create a book that would surpass all previous yearbooks in quality and sales.

Staff members put in endless hours to put together a book that would capture the memories for Western students to enjoy and cherish. This took a great deal of dedication and determination, but the end result was well worth all the hard work.



Above Right: Tara Harding, Production Assistant and Jim Carrey look-alike, is always like this. It is best to stay away from her or it might rub off on you.

Above: The Editor of Photography, as well as the entire photography staff, Monica Hall, is caught in the act...of taking pictures that is.

Right: Crystal Frame, Assistant Editor, finds time to relax and let her hair down.





Top Left: The wild and zany Catamount Yearbook staff, well most of them anyway: **Front (l to r):** Virginia Culp and Tara Harding; **Middle (l to r):** Steven Corbett, Matt Short, and Laura Hyatt; **Back (l to r):** Monica Hall, Crystal Frame, Erin LaFon, and Lisa Hannon.

Top Right: All you need is love. April and Crystal show the kind of friendship that keeps staff members from killing each other.

Middle Left: Christy Tillman, in a moment of deep thought, is hard at work trying to create the yearbook that will surpass all others.

Middle Right: Erin LaFon, Production Editor, is mesmerized by the computer screen.

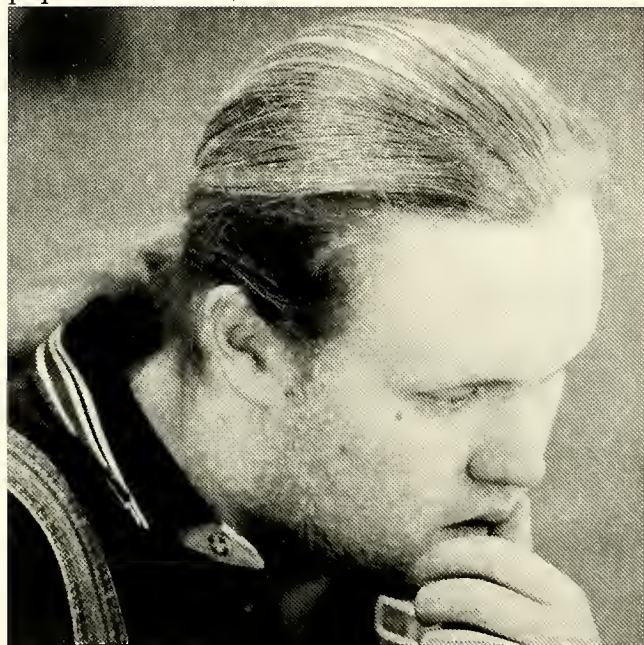
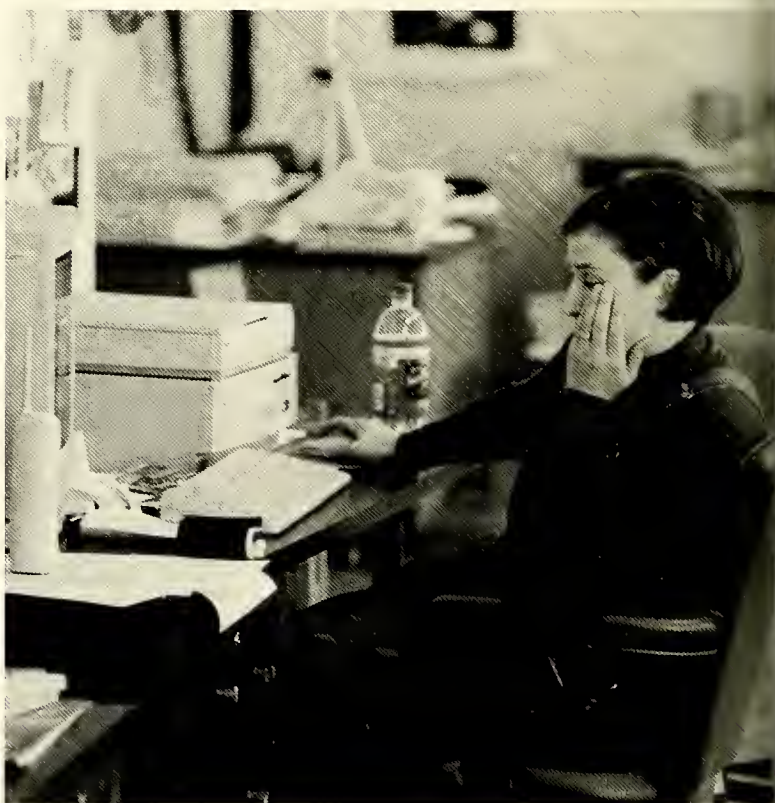
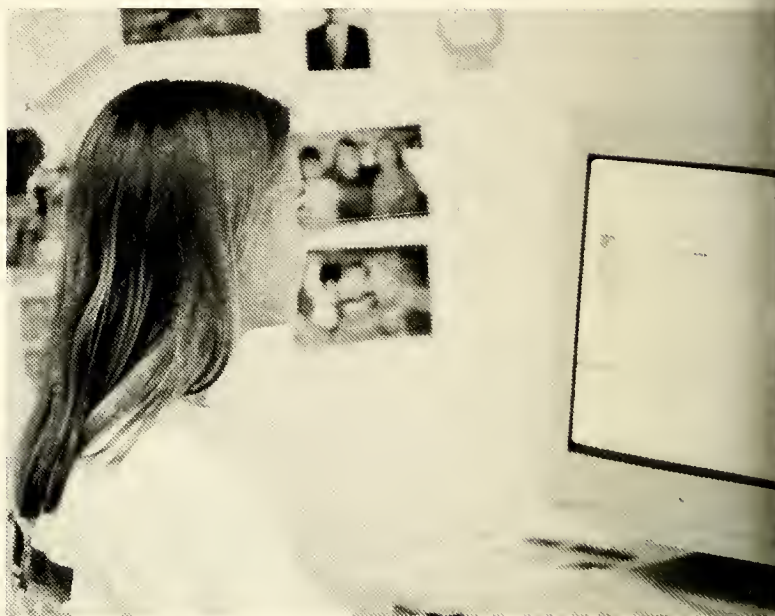
Left: Believe it or not, this is ALL he did this year!!

The Western Carolinian

Dedicated, Determined, and Dependable

The *Western Carolinian*, WCU's own student newspaper, kept Western students informed with all of the news that was important to their daily lives. The *Carolinian's* staff of skillful journalists refused to shy away from any controversial issues no matter how much uproar the topics raised.

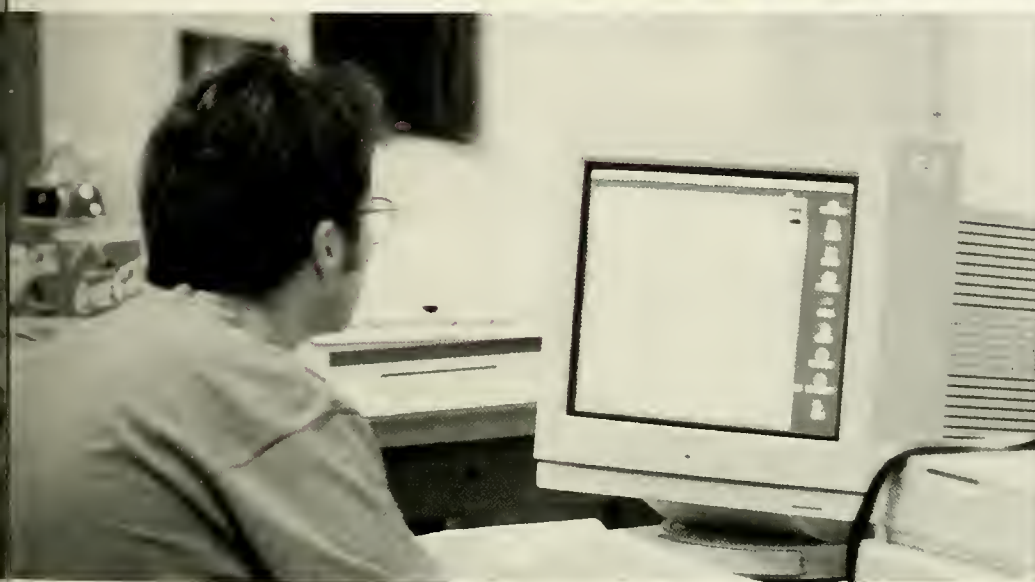
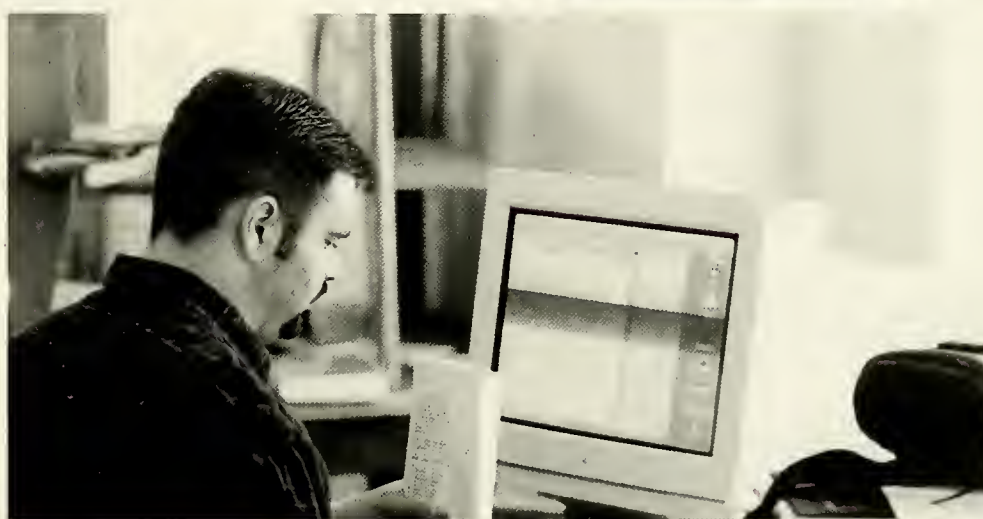
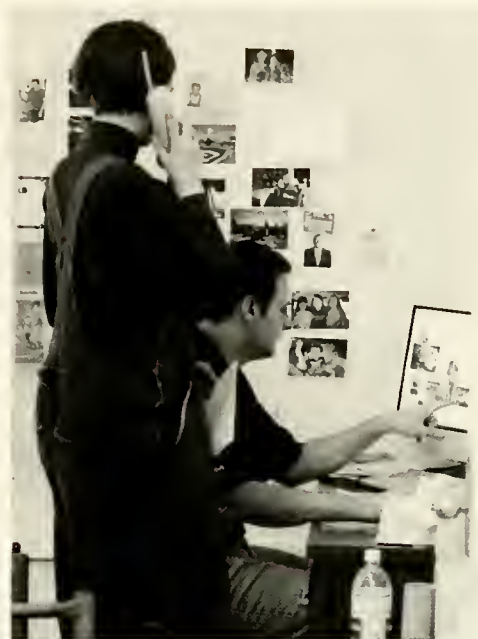
The *Carolinian* also kept us up to date on campus crime, sporting events, and any changes occurring on campus. The weekly publication also offered an editorial section for students to express feedback on many of the issues covered in the paper. Best of all, it was free!



Above Right: Production Manager, Crystal "Meth" Frame; works diligently to prepare the latest masterpiece edition of the *Western Carolinian*.

Above: Seth Sams is in deep concentration. News Editor of the *Western Carolinian* can be a painstaking job with long hours.

Right: Phoebe Esmon is entranced by the glamour of feature editing.



Top Left: Terry Roberts and his staff get together for a group shot. It is no easy task to get them in one room.

Top Right: Phoebe and Don prove that at the *Carolinian* the fun never stops.

Middle Left: Don Costello, the Managing Editor, is hard at work doing what he does best.

Middle Right: Sports Editor Daniel Hooker runs over the stats one last time. The *Carolinian* staff tries to ensure the utmost accuracy.

Left: Terry Roberts, Editor-in-Chief, puts in another long night at the office.

"Today's Best Mix of Music"

Everyday on the campus of Western, the sounds of Z91 could be heard throughout. The station, completely run by students, went through many changes this year. For the first time, Z91 began broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The stations was run by a computer during the late night. Another improvement made to the station was the power boost from 330 watts to 760 watts, sending Z91 to a much wider audience in Jackson county.

While many popular dee-jay's had a following at the radio station, they also branched their talents out to other areas of the campus. Dee-jay's could be seen at the new dance club in the UC, live remotes at events on campus, and various formals and parties throughout the year.



Top Right: Whether for the evening hours or all request and dedication show at night, "A.C. Slater" always played 100% of the best mix of music.

Above Right: Z91's advisor, Dr. John Owens, is always ready to listen and give advise when needed to the staff of Z91.

Above: Radio personality Waleed Hannan, "Mackenzie Stroll", and the "Big Daddy" discuss their plans for the blood drive they sponsored.

Far Right: "Mackenzie Stroll" was a reliable source of current weather and news reports everyday.

Right: "Vox," Derrick Layman, had an exciting year at the station as he aided to the mix of Z91's wacky staff.





Left: Todd Franklin, "J. Todd", named as Z91's newest program director, plans to continue the station's positive popularity at WCU.

Below Left: Business manager, Scott Smith played an essential role in organizing Z91's success.

Below: With the help of DJ's, Z91's blood drive proved an admirable success.



Far Left: Not only for his talent on the mic, but for his overall personality, Z91's newest addition, disc jockey Evan Rose quickly became a popular voice around campus.

Left: Because of his work at the radio station, "Big Daddy" Jeff Barnett, has become a recognized face at Western Carolina.

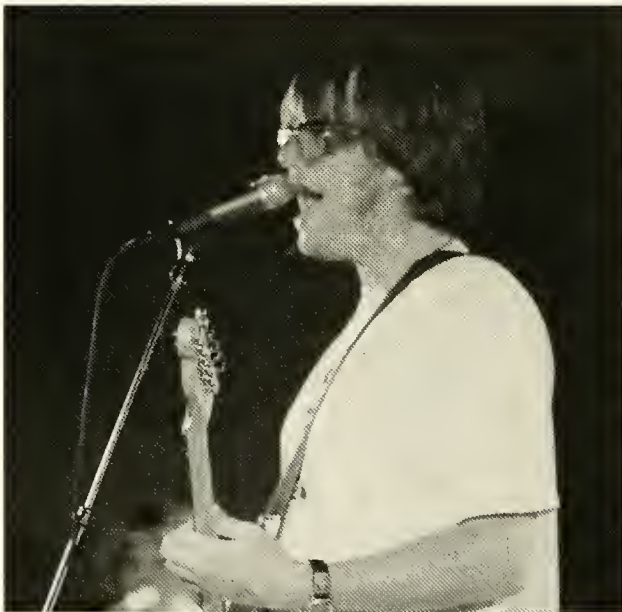
Last Minute Productions

Student Activities

Camping, rock climbing, canoeing, fishing and hiking were all activities that Last Minute Productions provided for the students at Western Carolina year-round.

Last Minute Productions appealed to a wide variety of interests through its scheduled programs. These included outdoor activities, field trips to Atlanta and Six Flags, concerts featuring popular bands such as Atheneum and Cowboy Mouth, and comedy acts. LMP also participated in the Homecoming and Valley Ballyhoo festivities.

Small musical acts, featured in the Coffeehouse Series and guest speaker, showcased in the Horizon Travel Series were also popular with many students.

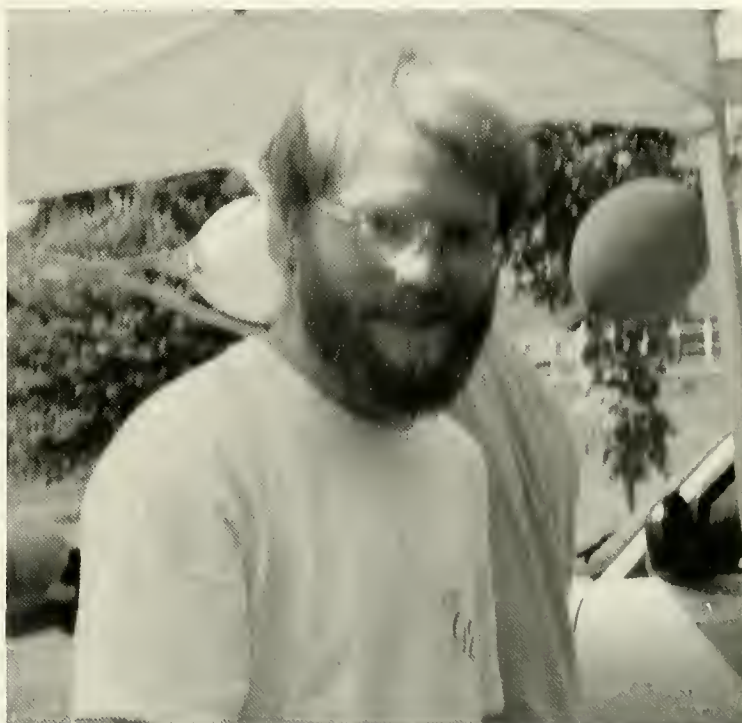


Above: Cowboy Mouth is one of the musical groups sponsored by LMP.

Above Right: Lots of intense thought goes into the committee's decisions.

Right: Hiking trips provide opportunities to explore the area.





Above: The students and staff of LMP work hard to bring diverse entertainment to the WCU community.

Left: LMP provides technical support for on-campus events.

Bottom: Cooking out is always a good way to attract a crowd.

Student Government Association

Watching out for student interest on campus the Student Government Association, otherwise known as SGA, became the watchdog of the campus, protecting the rights of all students.

The Student Government Association, headed by O.J. Morris, experienced a productive year despite early difficulties in the election process. The 2nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Association, raised over \$200 for the charity that they sponsored this year.

The creation of Western's first SGA Newsletter was accompanied by a campus-wide contest for the most creative name. SGA was in the process of revising all club constitutions, including its own.

Right: Jonathon Rowe casts his vote on election day. Student voting is an important part of the Student Government Association.

Above Right: Joe Cowan's hard work during the March campaign paid off when he was elected vice president for the 1999-2000 school year.





The members of the SGA Senate gather for a group photo.
Above: J.J. and Mandy supervise the voting process.



Above: The executive staff prepares for a senate meeting.

WCU Dance Team

Movers and Shakers!

The WCU Dance Team was started in 1995 and has been successful in adding halftime and timeout entertainment and school spirit to all basketball games and other special events. It also provided many students, who have a dance background, with an opportunity to continue to grow as dancers and performers.

Captains for the 1998-1999 season were Adriana Castor, Captain; Kat Arcebal and Heather Maree, Co-Captains. Other team members were Lynn Berry, Monique Douglas, Lindsay Duvall, Donna Evans, Adrienne Glassey, Amber Mann, Andrea Mears, Melanie Parker, Sarah Reid, Courtney Tyson, and Whitney Whitworth. Director and Coach was Donna Buckner.



Top Right: The mighty Catmount Dance Team.

Above: These two girls prove that the togetherness they display on the court carries over behind the scenes.

Right: Donna Buckner is the coordinator of the Catamount Dance Team. She serves as mentor and friend to these girls.





Top Left: This Cat struts her stuff before a hungry WCU audience.

Top Right: These members of the Catamount Dance Team strike a pose before shaking it up during the game.

Left: The Cat gets close to this dancer as she preps herself for her performance.

Above: These frisky dancing Cats are the life of the basketball game.

MARCHING CATS

The Band's Got A Brand New Bag.

"Marching Cats rock the house every football game," trumpet player Josh Weeks says proudly.

Weeks has every right to be proud. The WCU Catamount Band was chosen to play during half-time of an Atlanta Falcons home game, which marked the largest crowd in which the WCU band has ever performed. They also performed during Bands of America, a nation-wide competition for high school bands.

The band is a very dedicated group of students. Band members come to school two weeks before regular classes begin for band camp. Also, practice sessions are held regularly throughout the football season.

This year, Band Director Bob Buckner, chose a theme from James Brown's music for the band's performances this year.



Left: Pit players were an intricate part of the band. They performed some of the most lively pieces.

Above: "I'm ready, Sarge!" This band member stands still waiting for the signal to begin his piece.



Left: "I feel good!" These trumpet players pour their heart and soul into the music.

Middle: Here comes the Band! The Band played at every home football game, and put on a magnificent half-time show.

Bottom Left: Band members prepare for another great performance. The tractor was used to haul heavy equipment onto the field before the half-time show.

Below: The band puts on a great show performing hits from the past, including instrument and singing solos from members of the band.



Pride of the Mountains

The purpose of the Color Guard is to visually enhance the music and drill of the marching band. The color guard's interpretation of the James Brown music includes purple and black jazz style uniforms, large purple tie-dyed flags and white bar stools. The color guard routines and drill are designed by Lenny Westmoreland. Anna Dux and April Hyatt are the student captains and the group is directed by Donna Buckner.

The *Pride of the Mountains* Color Guard's performances this season included all of the WCU home football games and the halftime show for an Atlanta Falcons' football game.



Above: Even though these girls were about to perform for over 60,000 people during an Atlanta Falcons' game, they still focused on having fun.

Right: Strike a pose! The colorguard use many different flags and props during their performances at football games.





Left: The Georgia Dome in Atlanta was only one of the domes the guard got to perform in. The RCA Dome in Indianannopolis also hosted a great performance by Western's Color Guard.

Below: Hours of practice in adverse conditions sometimes takes its toll on the dedicated members of the colorguard, but it's all worth the time to please the crowd.

Bottom Left: This is the only break these girls get during a performance. Their routines are usually non-stop.

Bottom Right Huddled together, the colorguard goes over final preparations before the half-time show.



Clubs and Organizations

Something for Everyone!



Clinical Laboratory Science Club



Presbyterian/Lutheran Campus Ministries



Young Entrepreneur's Club



Student Health Information Club



Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society



Catholic Campus Ministry



Wesley Foundation



Mature Educational Experience Team (M.E.E.T.)



WCU Chess Club



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National Broadcasting Society - Alpha Epsilon Rho



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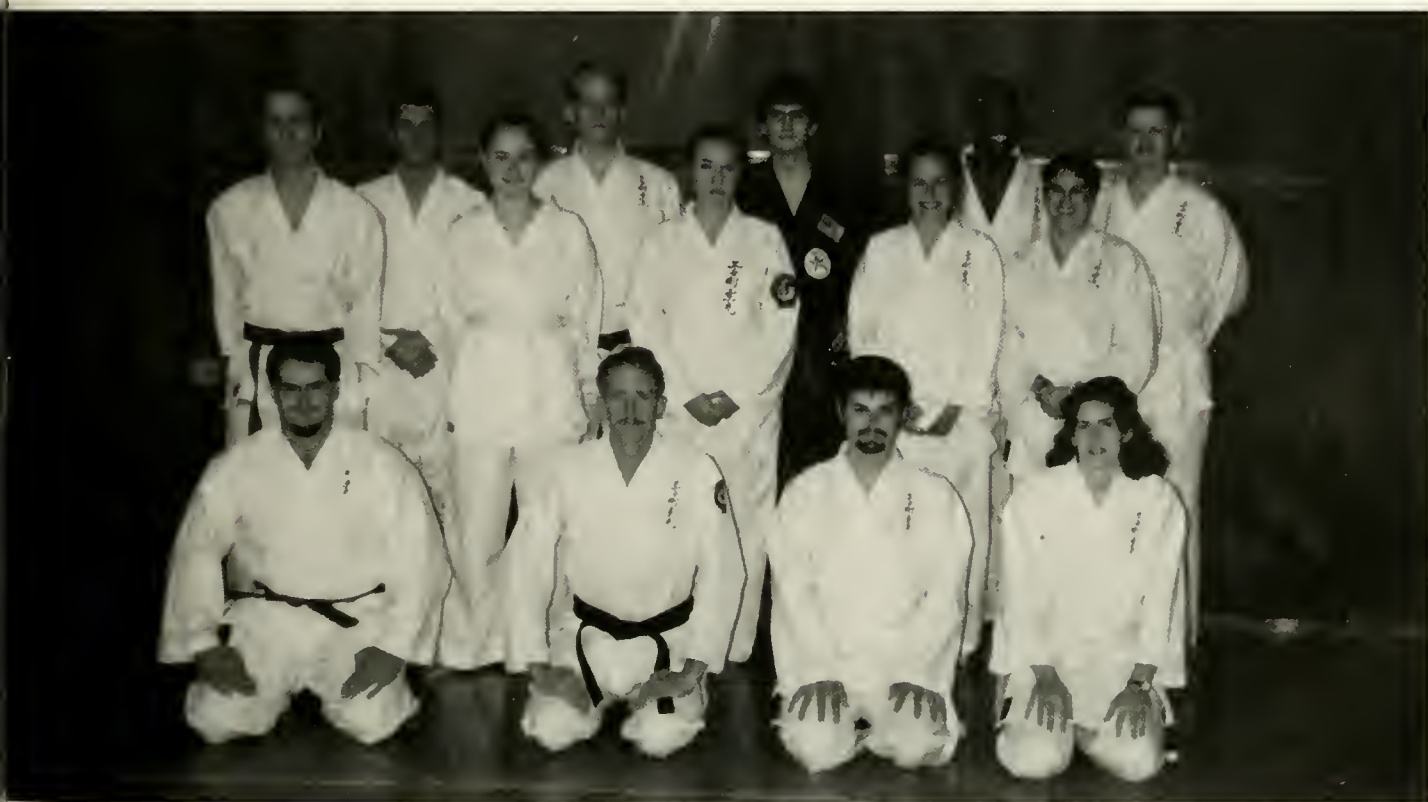
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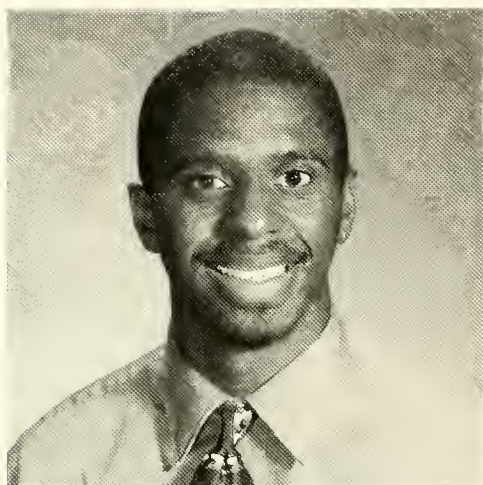


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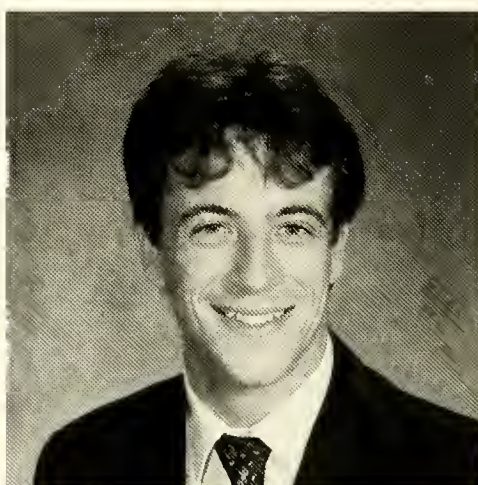


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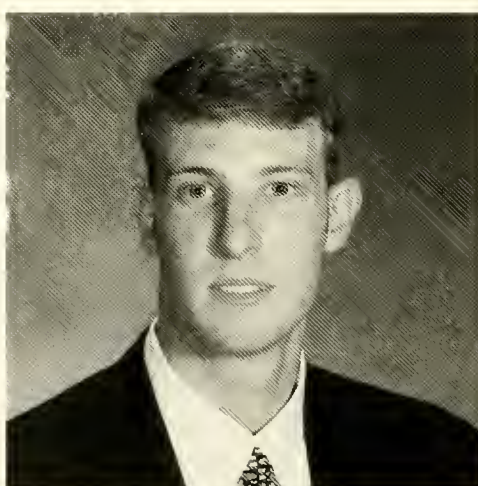
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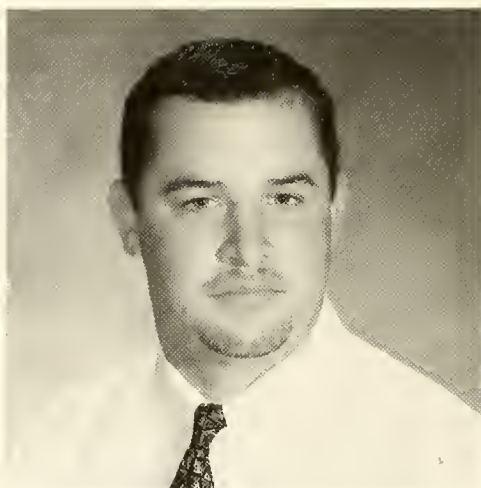
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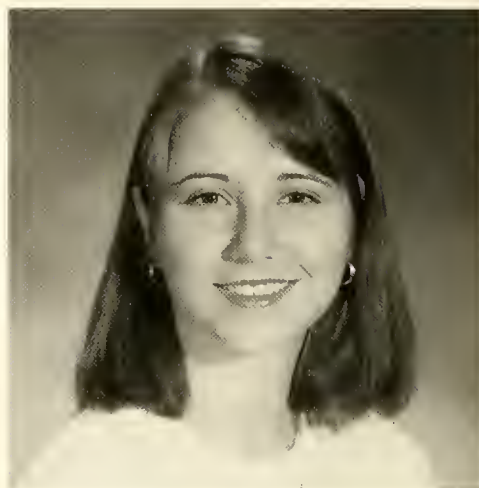
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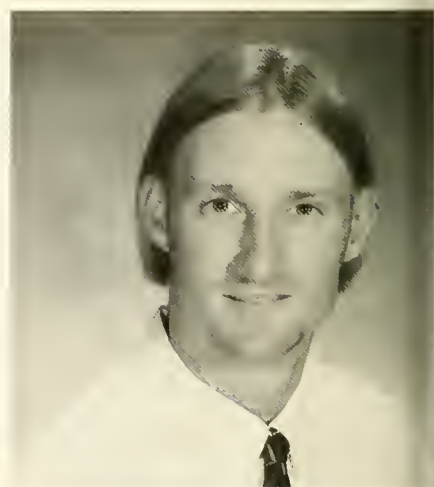
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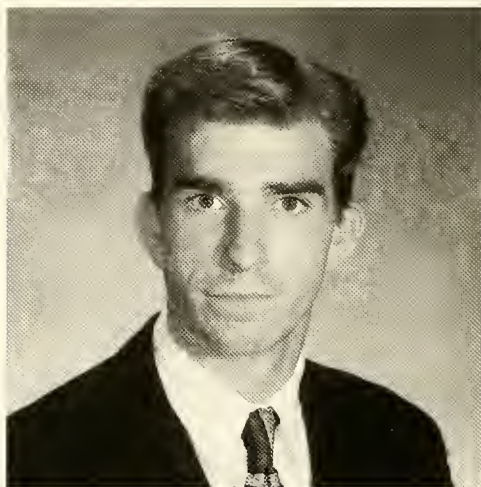
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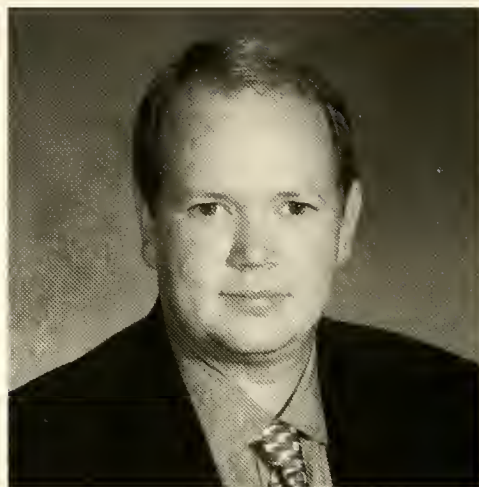
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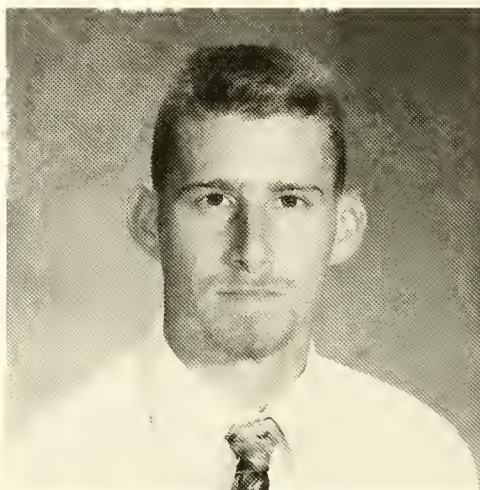
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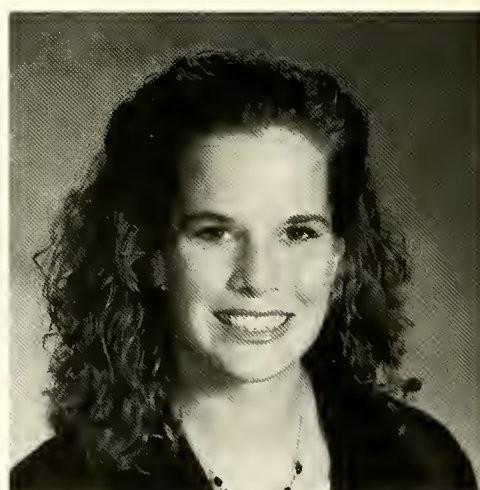
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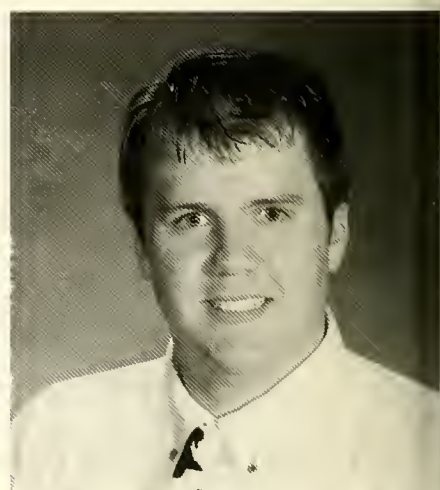
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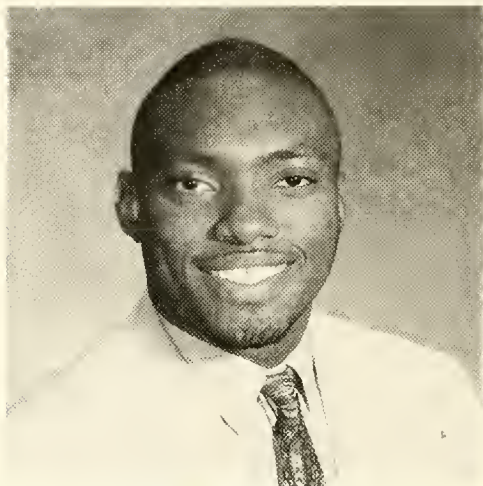
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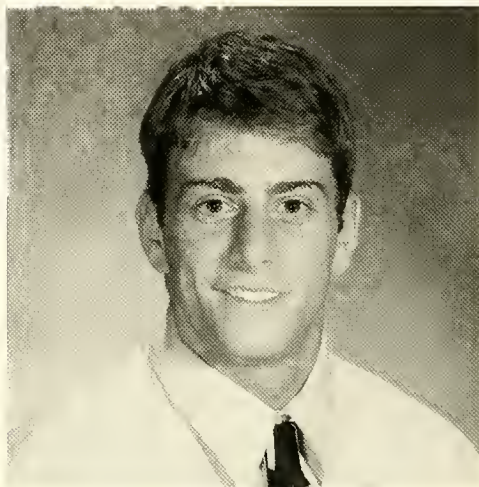
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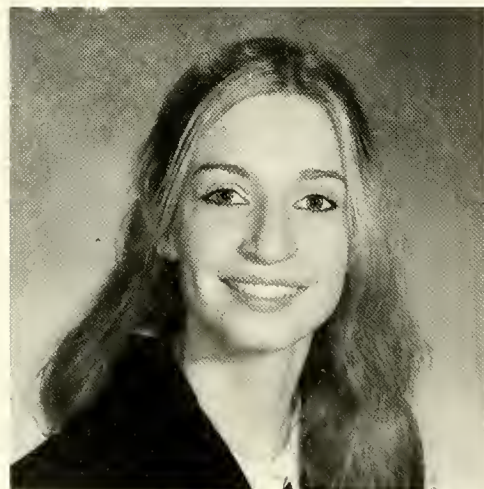
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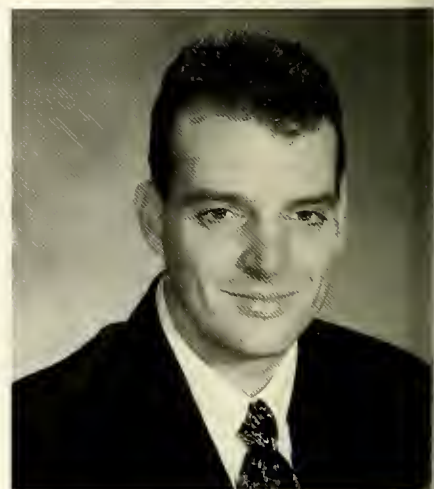
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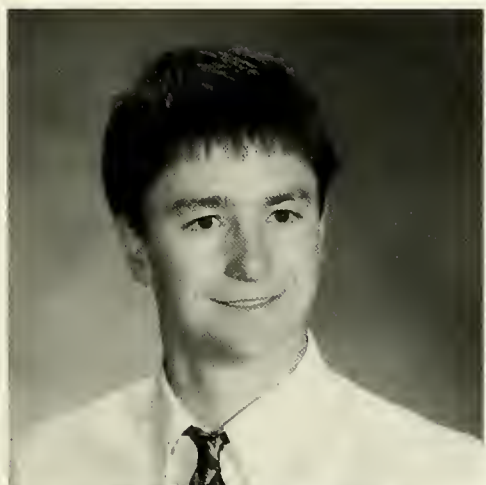
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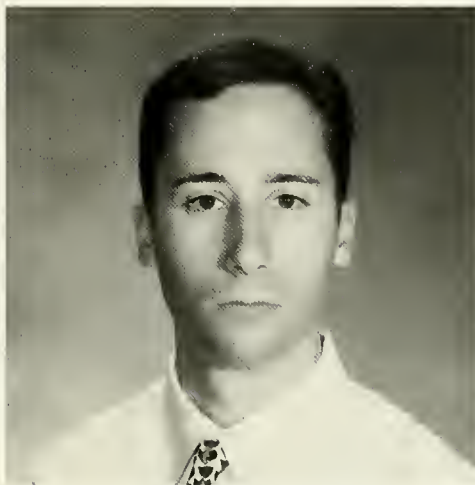
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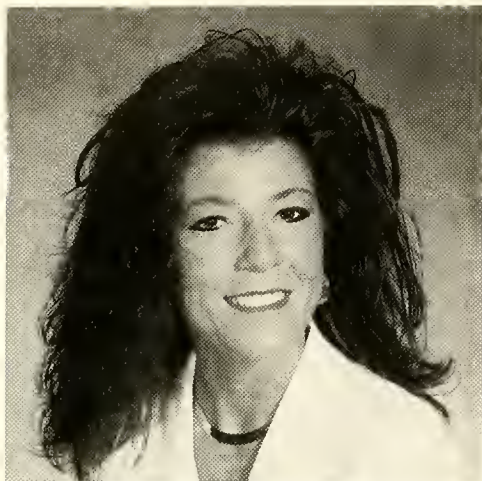
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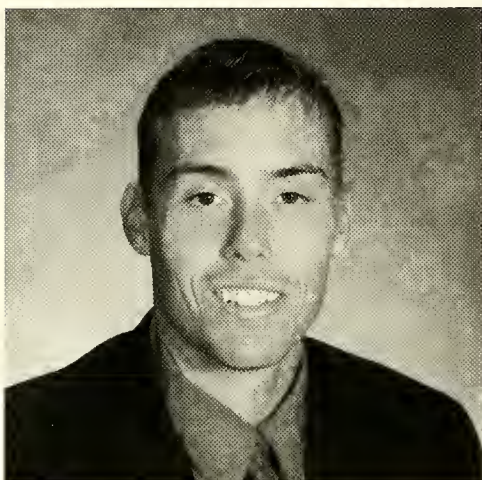
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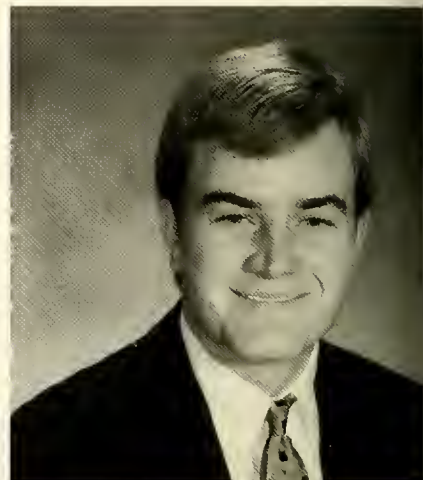
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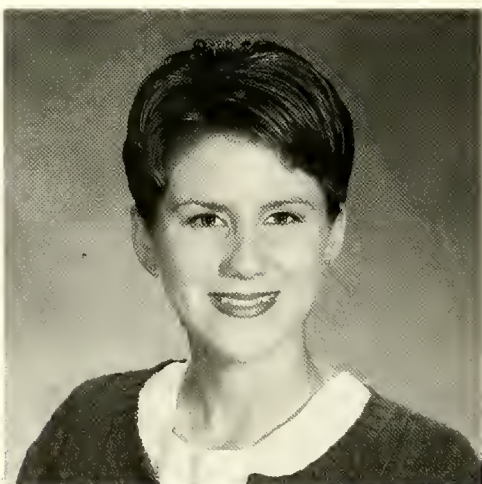
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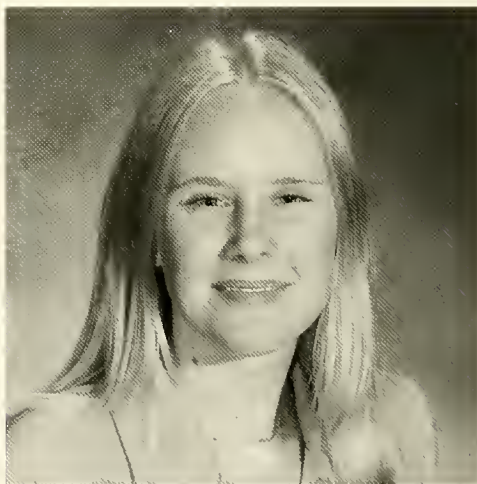
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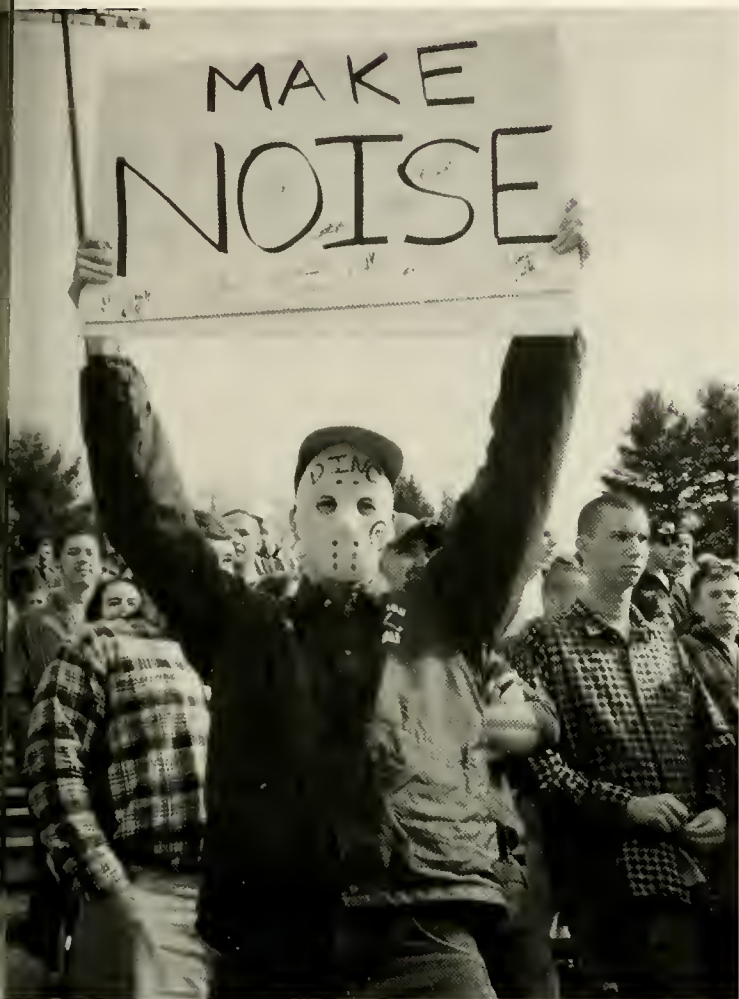


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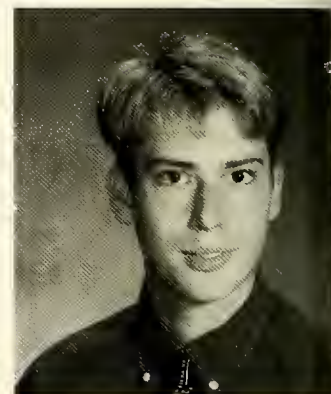
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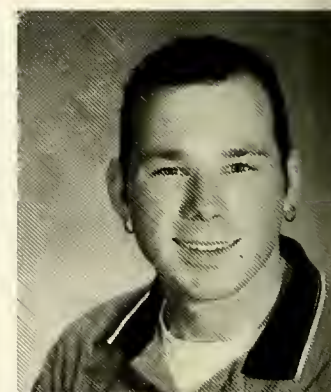
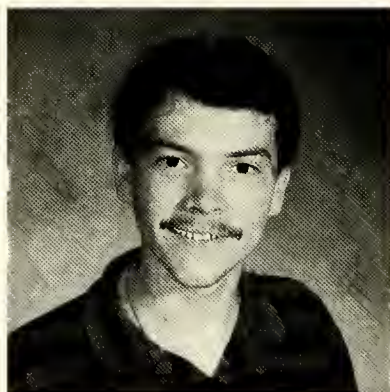
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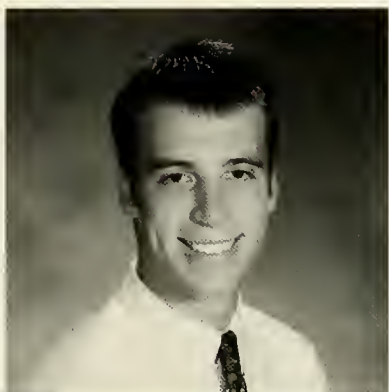
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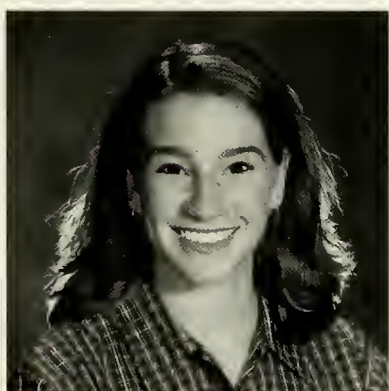
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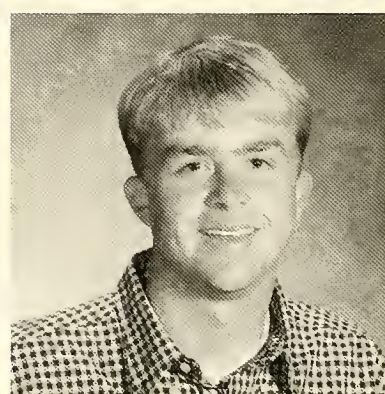
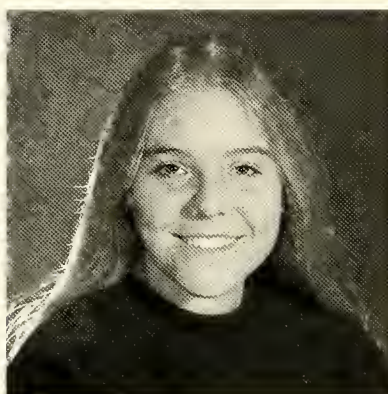
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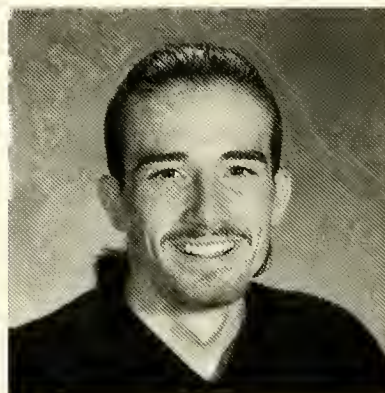
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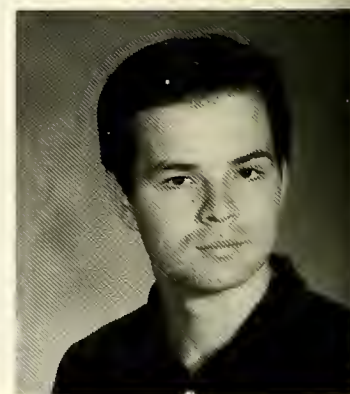
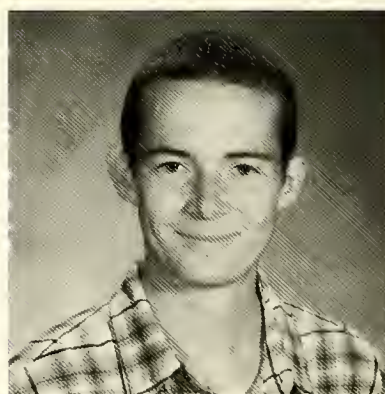
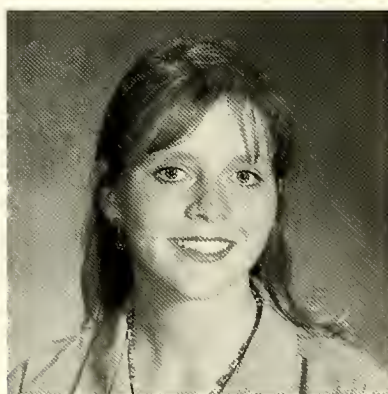
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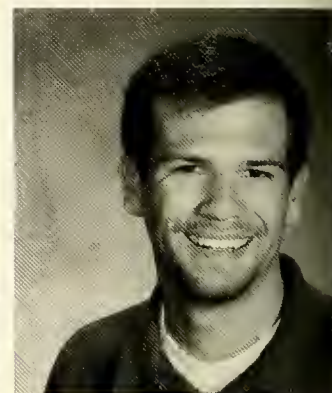


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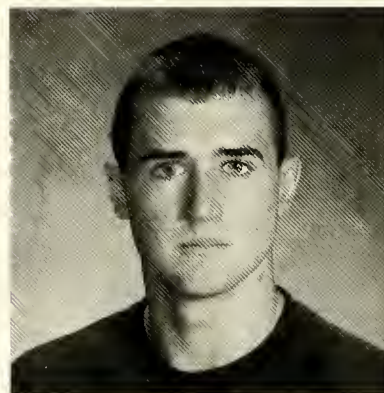
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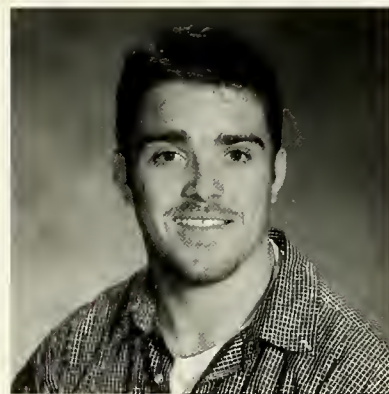


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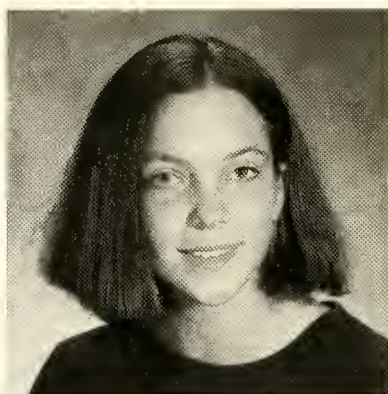


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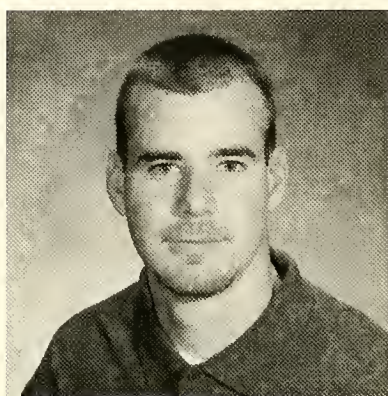


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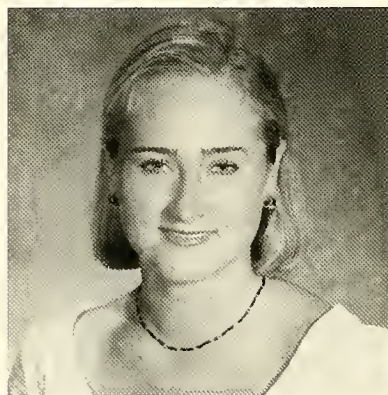
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Catamount Yearbook

First Annual Scaffold Sit

"Saving a tradition," is exactly what the yearbook staff and the Communication Department's public relations campaign class was striving for during the first annual scaffold sit. The university's administration was worried that the Catamount Yearbook wasn't selling enough books to continue with the publication of the yearbook, so the scaffold sit was planned to help increase the promotion for the book. The day was not only successful but was enjoyed by all. The festival began around noon and continued throughout the day. Free food, entertainment, and live broadcasting from Z91 were all part of the big day. Prize money was rewarded to many of the students who purchased the 1998-1999 yearbook, including 150 dollars in cash to one lucky winner. The scaffold sit took a great deal of planning and time, but it was well worth the effort since the sales of the yearbook doubled. Not only will a 68th edition of the yearbook be published in 1999-2000, but plans also include a second annual scaffold sit.



Left: The scaffold sit was a huge hit for the Catamount Yearbook, but it took the efforts of many to bring it together. Special thanks to Barb, Gretchen, John, Erin, Venus, and Dr. Betty Farmer.



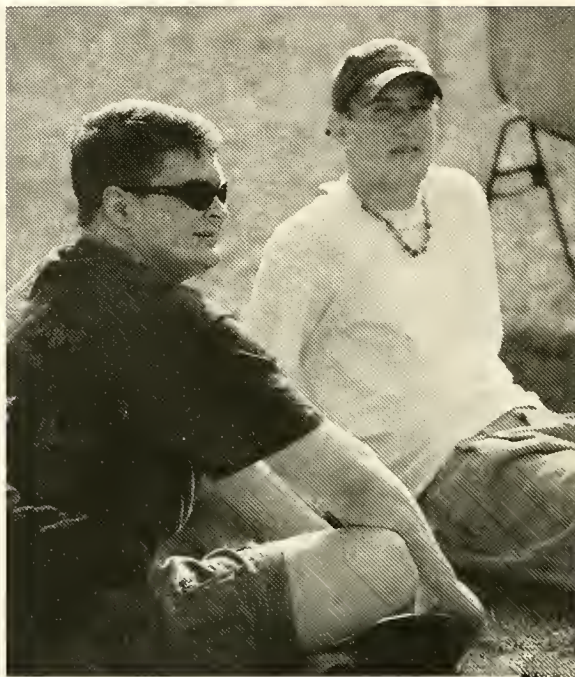
Top Left: The editor and assistant editor of the Catamount Yearbook do their part by sitting on the scaffold.

Top Right: Sales were booming throughout the day.

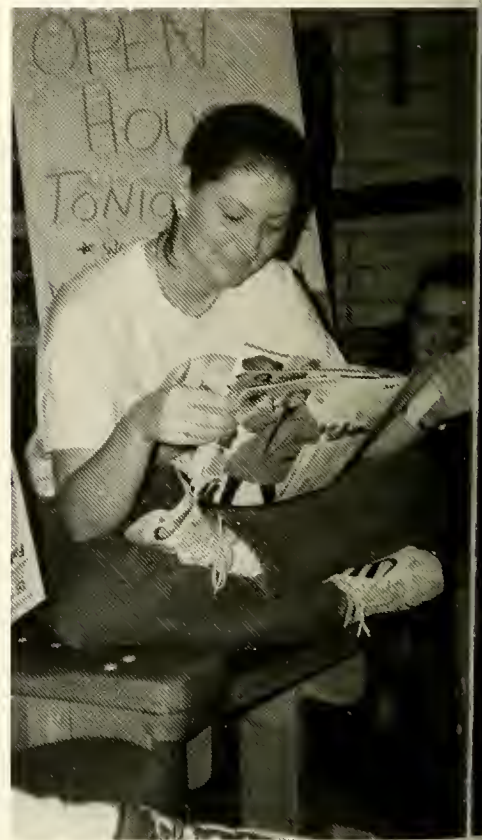
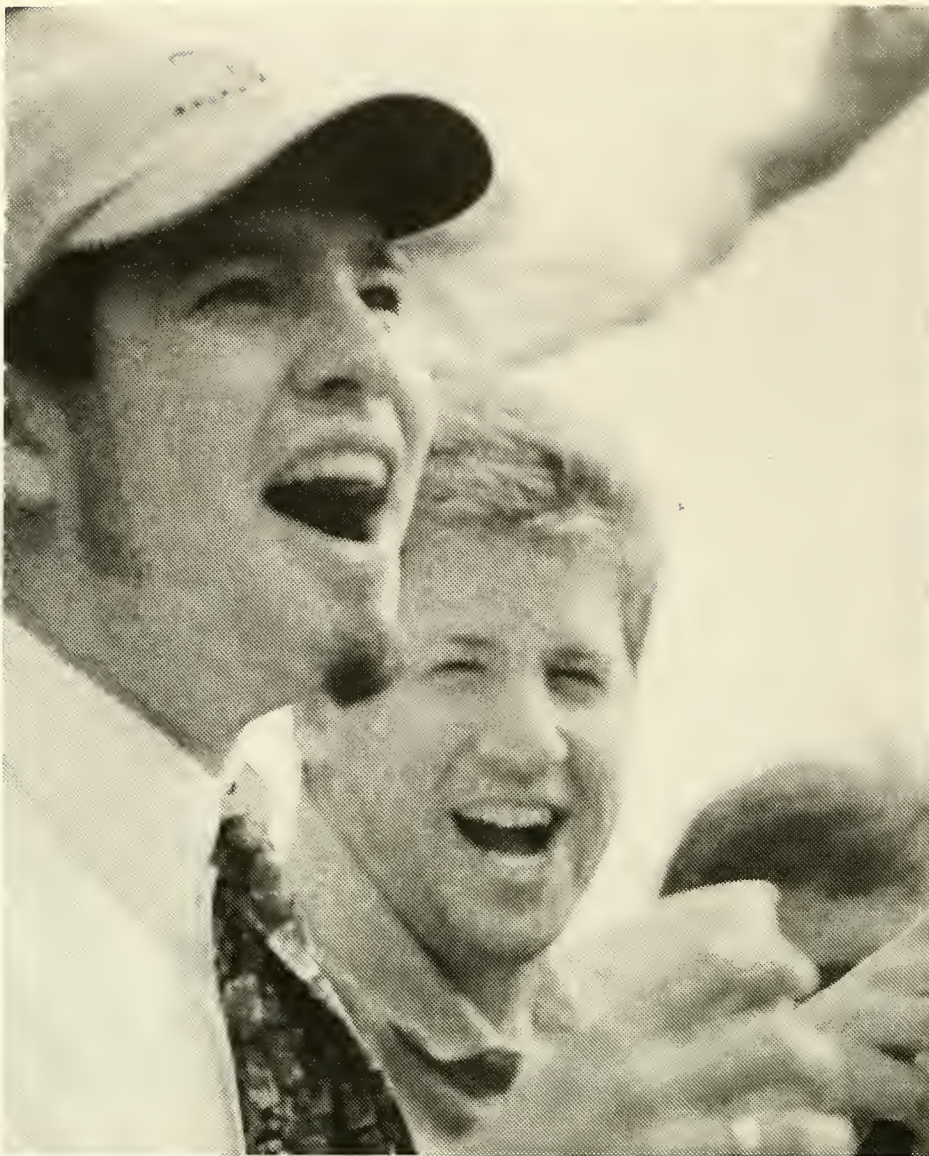
Middle: Bands provided entertainment for the scaffold sit.

Above: Erin took a break from taking orders to enjoy the bands.

Left: The day was successful for all. It was a nice break from classes.









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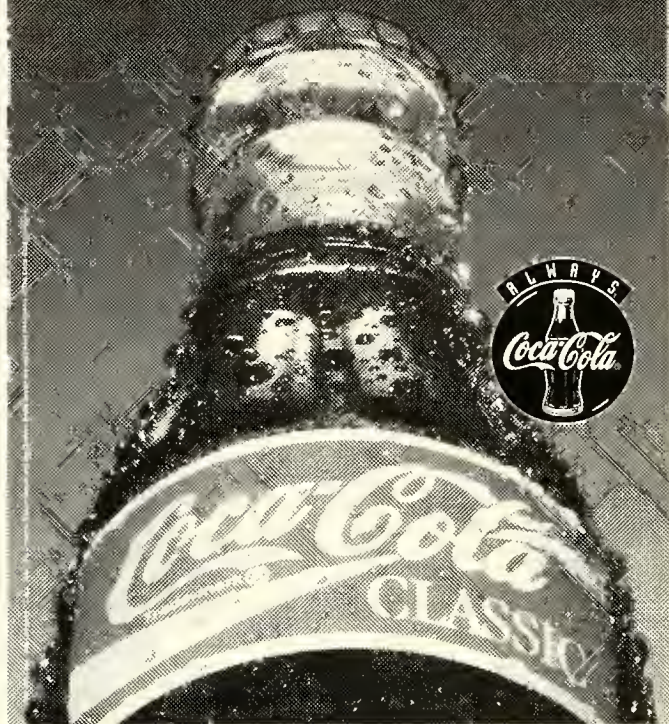
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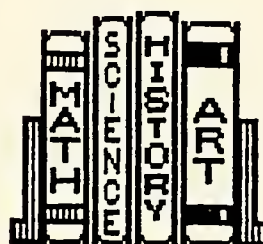
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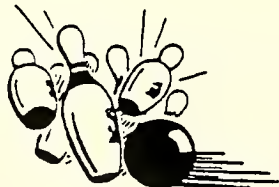
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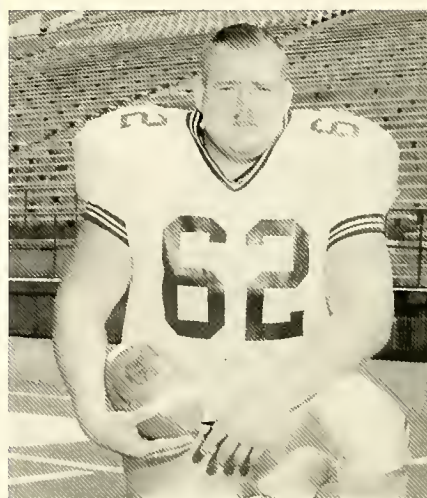
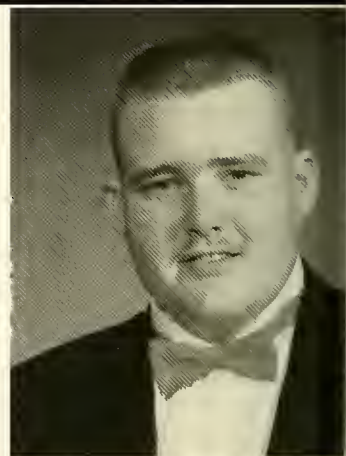


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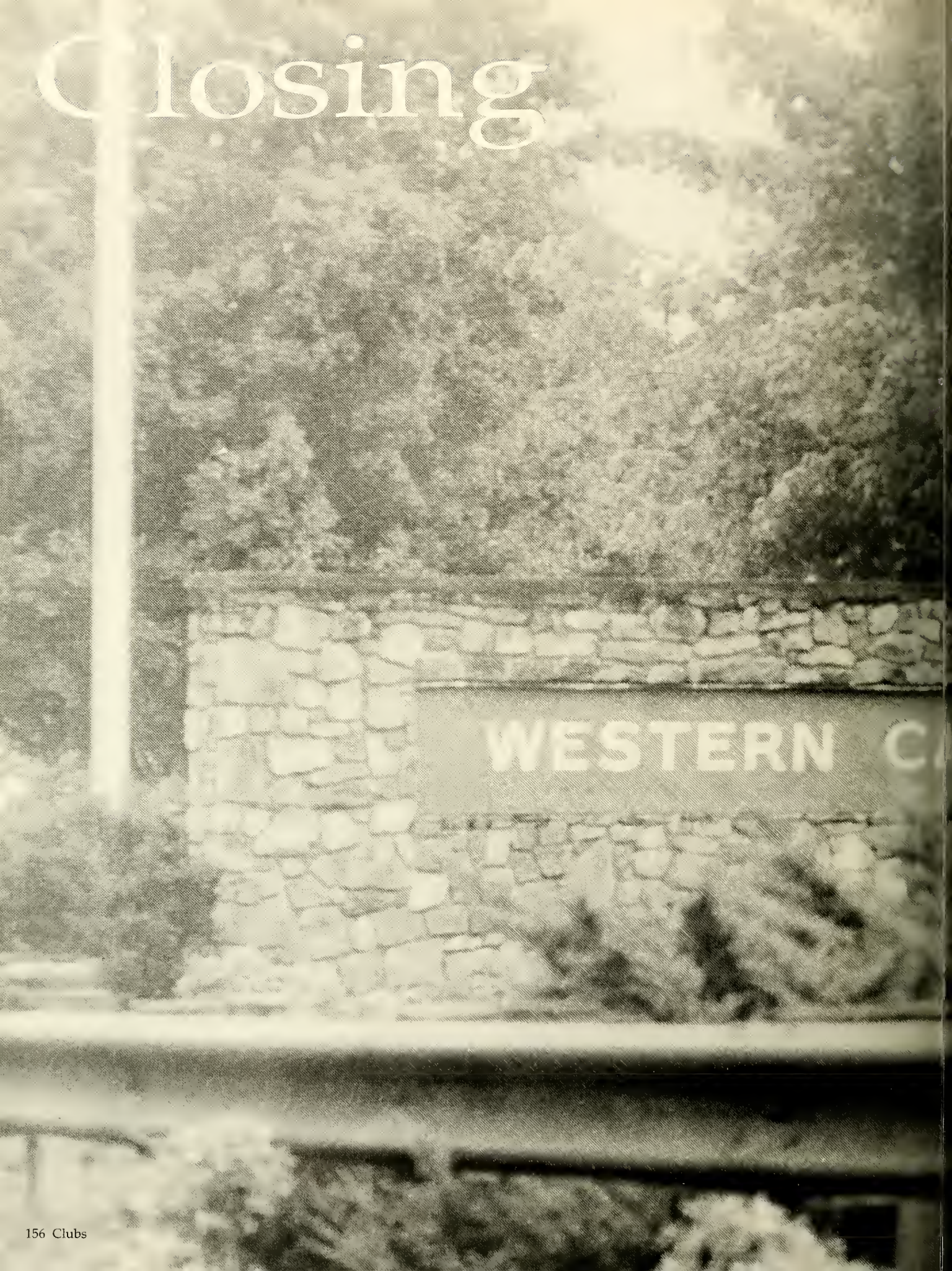
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Above: Having a good time at Homecoming includes capturing the spirit of tailgating.

Right: Speaking of loose ends, where did Shanta find all of that money? Hmmm!

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Left: The party continues. Friends gather together to celebrate the Homecoming activities. Cheers to the Cata-mounts.

Below Left: The stage crew smiles big for the camera. Now are you guys just acting, or what?

Below: Studying is a must in college. This student concentrates on his laptop trying to finish a paper for class.



Right: A common sight in the dorms on Friday afternoons. This student is hard at work preparing herself for a jam packed weekend of fun.

Far Right: When was the last time you saw so many beautiful smiles? These ladies look pleased to have their pictures taken for the yearbook.

Below: Bop Shee Bop! These girls take off for a fifties theme party.





Left: "Lady Paws on the Prowl!" The Lady Catamount prepares to get the crowd pumped before a home football game.

Bottom Left: It's not all hard work and studying. Tamera Jones uses some of her spare hours to spend some time in the game room playing pool.

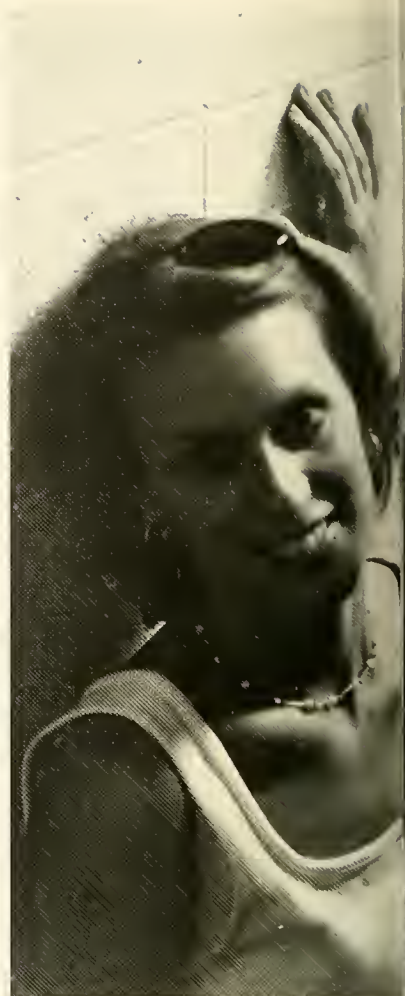
Below: Jovan, once again, is chatting with a group of ladies in the Cyber Cafe.





Above: It's all about school spirit! These girls know how to support their team.

Below: Cash rules everything around us. Whether we are making money, spending money or counting money, it is demanding!





Above Left: Hey, what's so funny! Catamount Ladies, taking a break after a long day of classes, gather in the hall to talk.

Bottom Left: Wake up! The lobby of Reynolds is a popular place to hang out with friends or take a nap after a long day of classes.

Above Right: Everyone has visited the trusty ATM. This student stops at the bank to take out some money for the upcoming weekend.



Above: Classes are over! Sometimes the end of a hectic day of classes can bring relief to all.

Right: Eating and studying is very difficult when you are on a time schedule. The UC is a popular place for lunch and a quick study break.

Below: Organizing photos can sometimes get hectic. I looks as if this student has it down pat.



ight: Band practice is long and hot during the afternoons. Can you imagine carrying around those heavy drums for so long?

elow: Socializing is a part of everyone's daily activities at CU. These two guys engage in a stimulating conversation in the hallway.



Above: Studying will take you far in life. This guy will find that out sooner than he thinks.

Left: Traditional homecoming festivities include tailgating before the big game. It gives students a chance to catch up with alumnis.

Editor's *LAST* Word

I give one word for the end of the year--**FINALLY!** It's been long and it's been challenging but somehow I still found time to laugh. At times, humor was the only thing that helped survive, along with my lifesavers and family. Without these people, I probably wouldn't be writing an editor's last word. First, I would like to thank my best friend, my layout editor, and favorite sister. These titles can all be summed up with one name--thanks **Laura**. I know I didn't say it enough, but I don't have to--we're family. The same goes for **Matt**. Although I "hooked you up," you always gave 100%. I know you can do it next year, just use that authority. **Crystal**, my assistant editor, we definitely have something in common--our love for the yearbook. You know how it is. I leave you my favorite word; use it wisely. The mouth, aka **Erin**, yes I know you've been at the office for 8 hours. You always pulled through when the deadlines hit, and boy did they hit hard. We will miss ya, although you might not return the feelings. To the rest of the **staff**, especially **Mandi, Christy, Stephen, and Virginia**, you all worked really hard and thanks for putting up with me. I know it's not worth minimum wage, but I respect your efforts.

In addition I would like to thank **JoAnn, Dick** and **my parents** for having more confidence in me than I had at times. Knowing that there is someone to catch me if I fall made this job easier, not easy but easier. Plus, I would like to thank my other family members **Louis and Amanda**. It's not in the blood, but you are family in my heart. Thanks for the support, and most of all, the laughs.

I would like to end with a quote that stared me in the face the entire year. According to Murphy's Law, **"If it can go wrong . . . It will! It did!"**



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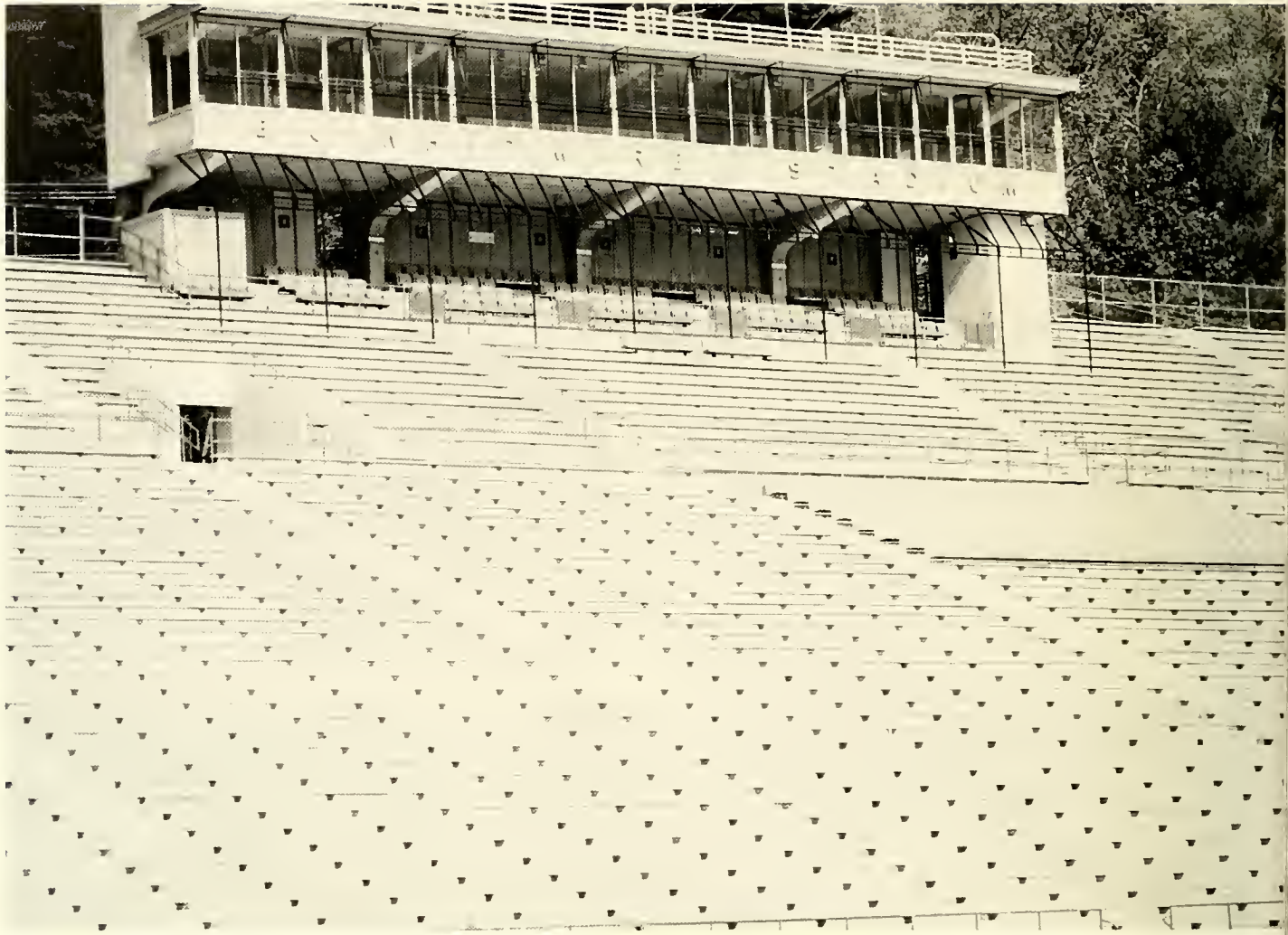


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